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Subject: [K-STATE_TURF] K-State turf update: Big bucks, no Whammy?

Hello,

I had a few photos that I wanted to include today but sadly my computer (with all my photos) is not working. I'm camped out at another computer right now, in the diagnostic lab.

The thing is, for the past two days I've been joking with friends about Whammies. Remember that silly game show with the Whammies? I used to watch it when home sick from school, or on summer break. Big bucks, big bucks, no Whammy. Well, this afternoon the Whammy didn't steal my money, but he did wreck my laptop, and that's even worse. If you want to reminisce about Whammies you can find clips on YouTube.

Anyway:

On the turf side, there is a lot of dollar spot out there. At Rocky Ford we have dollar spot in the greens, fairways, and in the perennial ryegrass lawn/rough height areas. This morning was very dewy and there was some dollar spot mycelium in the rye. I even had a sample this week of dollar spot from a bermudagrass home lawn.

Rust, a typical fall disease, is also present in numerous sites.

I was surprised to see a little bit of brown patch on the putting green at Rocky Ford this morning. In fact, I wasn't even the one to notice it--Dr. Jack Fry spotted it first, with his super-powers. It has been cool lately, but the last couple of days have been warmer and very humid, so I guess it was not so surprising after all.

In landscape/ornamentals there has been a rush of tree and shrub samples in the past week. Most of the time, about 50% of samples are NOT diseases (it is an environmental stress issue) but there have been a ton of actual diseases lately.

Culprits have included:

- bacterial leaf spot in English Ivy
- bacterial leaf spot in hydrangea
- septoria leaf spot in dogwood
- cercospora leaf spot in lilac
- cylindrosporium leaf spot on spirea
- mycosphaerella leaf spot on ash

We don't see too many bacterial leaf spots in Kansas. Fungal leaf spots require wet weather, but bacterial leaf spots require even more. This year was very wet in many locations, wet

enough to trigger even the bacterial leaf spots. There are bacterial leaf spots coming in on vegetable crops, too.

Well, that is it. I hope the Whammies don't get you, or your plants.