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### **Wheat fungus - posted by whyme, on: 2008/5/13 14:20**

Add this to the list of pending or potential perils.....UN alert: One-fourth of world's wheat at risk from new fungus

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned in March that Iran had detected a new highly pathogenic strain of wheat stem rust called Ug99.

The fungal disease could spread to other wheat producing states in the Near East and western Asia that provide one-quarter of the world's wheat.

The FAO warned states east of Iran — Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan to be on high alert.

Scientists and international organizations focused on controlling wheat stem rust have said 90 percent of world wheat lines are susceptible to Ug99. The situation is particularly critical in light of the existing worldwide wheat shortage

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Sorry if this is a repeat.

### **Re: Wheat fungus - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/5/13 17:33**

It would appear that doors are being closed . . .

Oh God, turn your people to prayer.