

Covered Smut

(Ustilago hordei)

SYMPTOMS

Masses of dark brown smut spores replace the entire head of plants. Floral bracts and awns at least partially develop and spores are contained in a membrane until plant maturity when they are dislodged by threshing and infect the seed.

HOSTS

All barley varieties are susceptible to one or more races.



CONTROL

- Plant clean seed
- Apply fungicides



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**HEAD
AND
SEED**