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I'm Hari Dadu, cereal pathologist at Agriculture Victoria.

Today I would like to help you with symptomatic identification of red leather leaf, a damaging foliar disease of oats.

Here is a plot of susceptible variety Winteroo. Looks alright from the top, but at a closer look into the bushes it doesn't.

Can you spot these whitish areas surrounded by dark lining?

Some more, a little bigger. With a break in the center as well.

Smaller lesions later coalesce and turn reddish.

If you are wondering what these are? Yes, these are the symptoms of red leather leaf.

Red leather leaf is a stubble borne disease, when cool and moist conditions are available, the disease spreads, impacting the hay quality and the yield.

Assessment of lower leaves may help you to know the age of the disease.

For me, this seems it had a fair start right at the start of tillering. This is a disease plot at growth stage, Z30 or actively tillering and I would rate 10% of the disease at the moment.