These photos were taken on May 14, 2010. All cultivars are at the roughneck stage. Ben Lear is the most advanced, nearing hook. Based on the developmental stage, spring fertilizer applications (if planned) should be going out now. We applied 50% slow-release fertilizer to research plots the week of May 3. If you plan to use this choice, fertilizer should be applied ASAP.

Roughneck applications will go out on research plots this week (~May 18). Most bogs are at roughneck stage or will be within the next week or so. We are about 2 weeks ahead of our normal timing for this growth stage.
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Early roughneck
Roughneck stage