

Fusarium



With its sickle-shaped spores, *Fusarium* causes many plant diseases, including head blight of barley and Panama disease of bananas. While threshing cereal crops, the husk can get into the eye and penetrate the transparent cornea. After rubbing the eye and treatment with local healer's remedies or antibiotic drops, allows gradual destruction of the cornea by the fungus and then blindness.

Over one million eyes go blind each year from fungal infection.