Basic wheat anatomy

This illustration shows the basic anatomy of a Feekes 2 plant; the intention of the drawing is to illustrate and annotate an ideal plant. Plants in the field are rarely ideal and are often missing leaves, tillers, etc.

Winter Wheat
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A few notes on how to select plants:

✓ Select plants that represent at least 50% of the field
✓ Dig plants, so you can assess the entire plant
✓ Start at the base of plant and work your way upward
✓ Use a knife to split the stems and sheaths
✓ Look and feel for nodes