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Profile view of volcanic ash from Mount St. Helens deposited on soil surface around stems of wheat plants near Lind, Washington. Most of the ash was shed from the wheat foliage and settled around the bases of the stems. A record wheat crop was harvested in Washington because of the above normal rainfall in June and possibly because of the ash "mulch" on the soil surface. See page 16. [R. J. Cook, Regional Cereal Disease Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Pullman, Washington 99164]