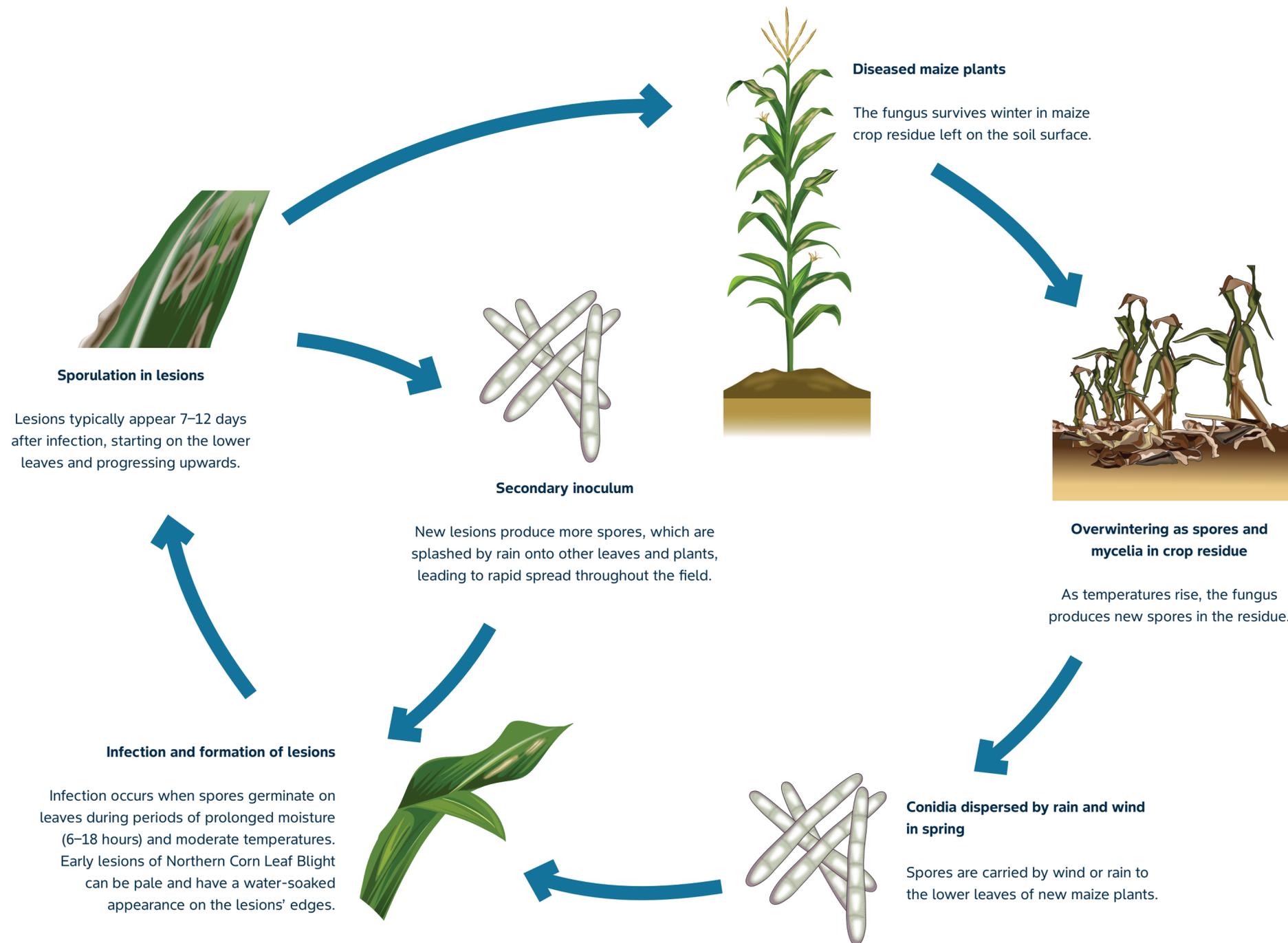


Disease cycle of Northern Corn Leaf Blight



Northern Corn Leaf Blight

(*Exserohilum turcicum*)

Northern Corn Leaf Blight (NCLB) is a significant fungal disease of maize, caused by *Exserohilum turcicum*, that can lead to substantial yield loss. It is characterised by long, tan lesions on leaves and thrives in warm, humid conditions. The disease cycle involves the fungus, *Exserohilum turcicum*, overwintering in infected maize residue, producing spores in the spring that spread by wind and rain to infect new maize plants.