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2019 Impacts

The Crop Protection Network (CPN) is a multi-state and international collaboration of university/provincial extension specialists and public/private professionals who provide unbiased, research-based information to farmers and agricultural personnel. Below, we highlight our activities in 2019 and the impact of our efforts.

Activities:

In 2019, we:

• Launched an online tool for calculating yield and economic losses due to disease in corn and soybean for user-defined diseases, years, and geographic locations

• Launched an online tool allowing Certified Crop Advisors to earn continuing education units for successfully passing exams that correspond to CPN publications

• Published national fungicide efficacy guides for corn, soybean, and wheat

• Developed a new Research Update publication series where complex scientific manuscripts are rewritten to be accessible by non-scientists

Began a webinar series on crop protection topics

• Implemented the "Defend your yields. Protect your fields." social media and video campaigns on Twitter and YouTube.

• The top 5 publications downloaded on the CPN website in 2019 were (in order): Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Soybean Foliar Diseases (CPN-1020), Tar Spot (CPN-2012),

Southern Rust (CPN-2009), Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Soybean Seedling Diseases (CPN-1020), Fungicide Efficacy for Corn Diseases (CPN-2011)

By the Numbers:

ln 2019:

• The CPN created 2 publications for the Research Update series.

• The CPN created or updated 6 publications for the Corn, Soybean, and Small Grain Disease Management series.

• The CPN created 2 publications for the Disease Loss Estimates series.

• The CPN published 6 Feature Articles on the CPN website.

• The CPN website had more than 81,600 unique page views. Approximately 60,000 publication downloads occurred.

• More than 1,500 continuing education unit (CEU) exams were attempted, awarding nearly 600 CEUs to Certified Crop Advisers. June 2020

• Since inception, the CPN has captured input from 125 specialists from 31 U.S. states and Ontario, Canada

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