



Crop Protection Network: 2020 Impact

CROPPROTECTIONNETWORK.ORG | JAN 2021 | CPN-002-20-W

2020 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 2020 and the impact of our efforts.

Activities:

In 2020, we:

- Launched an [online tool](#) for crop scouts and researchers to practice estimating disease and insect feeding severity.
- Completed a survey to measure CPN impact. Results indicate CPN resources are being used and adopted by agricultural experts. Respondents indicate they want CPN to diversify material beyond agronomic disease information.
- Hired a communication specialist.
- Improved CPN webpage user experience through better structure and navigation.
- Converted PDF publications into an HTML format.
- Focused on infrastructural development to increase capacity for outreach.
- The top 5 publications downloaded on the CPN website in 2020 [Southern Rust](#) (CPN-2009), [Foliar Fungicide Decisions for Late-Planted Crops](#) (CPN-4005), [Ergot: Six Things to be Mindful of with Ergot in Small Grains and Grasses](#) (CPN-3014), [Diagnosing Interveinal Chlorosis in Soybean - It's Not Just SDS](#) (CPN-1023),

[How Tar Spot of Corn Impacted Hybrid Yields During the 2018 Midwest Epidemic](#) (CPN-2014).

By the Numbers:

In 2020:

- The CPN updated or published **13 publications for Corn, Soybean, and Small Grain Disease Management**.
- The CPN website had more than **117,000 unique page views**. Approximately **75,000 publication downloads** occurred.
- Fungicide efficacy tables were updated for [soybean foliar diseases](#) (CPN-1020), [corn diseases](#) (CPN-2011), [soybean seedling diseases](#) (CPN-2015), and [wheat diseases](#) (CPN-2020). These were **downloaded over 12,700 times**.
- More than **2,100 continuing education unit (CEU)** exams were attempted, awarding about 850 CEUs to Certified Crop Advisers. **More than 1,700 people passed quizzes, each worth 0.5 credits**.
- Since its inception, CPN has received input from **152 specialists from 34 U.S. states and Ontario, Canada**.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. ©2017 by the Crop Protection Network. All rights reserved