**Monitoring for Soybean Cyst Nematode in Southwest New York**

*We need your help! Take the test. Beat the pest.*

Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) is the most destructive pest of soybean in the United States. Yield losses in soybean due to SCN have been estimated at more than **$1 billion annually in the U.S.** Because the nematode can be present in fields without causing obvious aboveground symptoms, yield losses caused by SCN are often underestimated.

After three years of intensely surveying field soils in 17 counties from Western through Northern NY counties (2014-2016), the nematode was identified for the first time in Cayuga County in 2016. A Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) in 2019, funded by NYS Dept. of Ag. and Markets, identified seven more positive fields in six additional counties. The map below outlines survey efforts and results conducted by CALS faculty, staff, and students. Formal statewide funded SCN testing will continue in 2020 and beyond, supported by the CAPS program and the NY Corn and Soybean Growers Association.

Field Crops Specialist Josh Putman, is now monitoring soybean fields in SWNY that display uneven drydown patterns or random yellow patches. The best way to confirm SCN is to scout soybean fields with symptoms, dig plants, look for cysts on the roots, and submit a soil sample for testing and confirmation. **We are looking to sample 2-3 fields per county within the SWNY region and test for SCN.** If you see uneven patterns in your soybean field or suspect an issue, contact Josh Putman to visit your fields. Additional resources about SCN can be accessed at: [https://www.thescncoalition.com/resources/tools-to-download](https://www.thescncoalition.com/resources/tools-to-download).

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**NY map showing SCN locations by county**

*Source: J. Putman 2014*

**SCN compared to soybean nodule**

*Source: Purdue University Extension*

**Soybean field with yellowing patch caused by SCN**

**Soybean cyst nematode life cycle**

*Source: Iowa State University*
Fall Pasture Weed Identification
Weeds compete for water, nutrients, sunlight, and space. They can reduce forage yields and cause health problems in livestock. Correct identification and management are key to the longevity and quality of your pasture as well as the wellbeing of your animals. Watch our latest video, “Late Season Pasture Weed ID & Management,” to learn more. https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/2020+Fall+Pasture+Management+Series+-+Late+Season+Weed+ID+Management/1_9m03ebyr

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Looking for DEC credits?
Join CCE Field Crops Specialist, Josh Putman, for another opportunity to learn about pest management, current regulations, and pesticide use.
Pre-registration is required by noon the day before your preferred date/time.

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Cost: $20/person payable by card on our website

*Registration and event information*
https://swnylfc.cce.cornell.edu/events.php

Questions?
Contact Josh Putman at:
716-490-5572 or jap473@cornell.edu

A confirmation email will be sent the day before training with information for accessing the virtual classroom.

This event will be offered via ZOOM videoconferencing software. Participants will need to use a computer, tablet, or phone with video and audio capabilities.

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