



## Crop Protection Network: 2020 Impact

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### 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**.

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