

## Mission Statement

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.

## 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.

## 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.
- The top 5 non-fungicide efficacy publications downloaded on the CPN website in 2020 were (in order):
  - [Southern Rust](#)
  - [Foliar Fungicide Decisions for Late-Planted Crops](#)
  - [Ergot: Six Things to be Mindful of with Ergot in Small Grains and Grasses](#)
  - [Diagnosing Interveinal Chlorosis in Soybean it's not just SDS](#)
  - [How Tar Spot of Corn Impacted Hybrid Yields During the 2018 Midwest Epidemic](#)
- 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