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Dear Wisconsin Soybean Grower,

As part of our continuing Extension initiative to help soybean growers in the state become aware of the threat that Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) poses to soybean production, we are happy to provide you with this SCN sampling kit and information about SCN. The free kit is intended to help you determine whether or not SCN is present on your farm and if so, at what level. Knowing whether SCN is present is important to make correct crop management decisions. Crop rotation, variety selection, and tillage are all important factors in controlling the spread of SCN.

In addition to SCN, we also will be providing soil lab analysis information on other plant parasitic nematodes that may impact soybean or your 2021 crop.

This free service has been made available to you through your soybean checkoff and the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board.

In this kit you will find:

A guide to Soil Sampling for SCN, a Soil Sample Information Form, a Soybean Cyst Nematode Management Guide for Wisconsin, a plastic soil sample bag, and a postage paid return envelope.

To use this kit, first read the Guide to Soil Sampling for SCN, then take soil samples from areas on your farm where you suspect SCN might be present or fields that are slated to go into soybean production soon. After taking the sample, put it into the prepaid envelope and drop it in the mail along with a completed Field Information Form for each soil sample submitted. In a week or so, you will receive the results of the SCN and other plant parasitic nematode analysis directly from the lab. Use the results to adjust your soybean management practices if you have SCN now and to prepare for your subsequent years' field crop management.

Please note that we are limiting the number of free kits to 4 per grower. Any additional samples over the limit will be charged the regular lab fee of \$65.

If you need additional kits or have further questions, please contact us using the numbers below or e-mail freescntest@mailplus.wisc.edu. Thank you for your participation in this project and we hope this free service will help to improve your soybean profitability.

Sincerely,

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