

#### **Soybean Cyst Nematode**

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#### **Soybean Cyst Nematode** 23 New Counties Identified (2005 - 2009)



#### **SCN IS FOREVER...**



### **BUT IT CAN BE MANAGED!**







# MANAGEMENT IDENTIFICATION -SANITATION -ROTATION RESISTANT VARIETIES

### IDENTIFICATION

- First step to managing SCN
- Visual observation one month or more after emergence (may or may not detect)
- Soil test any time throughout the year, after harvest easiest (more conclusive)



#### nematode cysts

#### *Rhizobium* nodule



## SANITATION

- Clean equipment between fields
- Plant/till SCN infested fields last
- Minimize soil movement within and between fields
- Control weedy hosts

## WEED HOSTS

#### **Most Common:**

•Field Pennycress\*, Henbit\*

- Common Chickweed\*, Common Mullein,
   Pokeweed, Purslane, Other Wild Mustards\*
  - \* may grow as a winter annual

#### **Management:**

 SCN-infested fields with any of the weeds listed above should be considered a priority for fall or early spring weed control.

### Winter Annual Weed Hosts

Henbit





#### Field Pennycress

 Research is ongoing to determine Nebraska SCN population reproduction levels on weedy hosts

## ROTATION

- Year 1 Non-host Crop
- Year 2 Resistant Variety\*
- Year 3 Non-host Crop
- Year 4 Resistant Variety\*
- Year 5 Non-host Crop
- Year 6 Resistant Variety\*
- \* Know the source of resistance and rotate to a different source than you used the last time you planted soybeans.

### **RESISTANT VARIETIES**

• Know the source of resistance PI88788 (most common) Peking (PI54840) Hartwig (PI437654) Cyst-X (selection from Hartwig) Others

# **SOIL SAMPLING**

- 15-25 soil cores per sample
- 6-8 inches deep, through roots
- Randomly sample field, <u>or</u>
- Sample problem spots
- Mix thoroughly
- Submit 1-pint sample to UNL P&PDC



# **PROBLEM SPOTS**

- Previously flooded areas
- Along fence lines
- Low areas in field
- Field entryways
- Areas with consistently lower soybean yields, but good corn yields

# Soil Sampling

- Completed 5<sup>th</sup> year of project
- # of samples/year increasing
- About 20-25% positive for SCN
- Many farmers had no idea it was in their fields, even at high counts

### UNL SCN RESEARCH 2006 - 2009

#### Ave. yield: 15 infested sites •Resistant varieties: 52.9 bu/A •Susceptible varieties: 47.6 bu/A

#### Ave. yield: 7 non-infested sites •Resistant varieties: 63.1 bu/A •Susceptible varieties: 65.7 bu/A

#### **UNL SCN RESEARCH** 2006 - 2009 Egg counts at 12 infested sites (eggs per 100 cc's of soil) **Egg count: susceptible varieties** Spring: 1,707 eggs •Fall: 5,711 eggs + 235% **Egg count: resistant varieties** •Spring: 2,151 eggs 1,571 eggs •Fall: - 27%

## **2010 SCN FIELD DAYS**

- **Tentative Dates**
- August 17 Waterloo
- August 18 Silver Creek
- August 23 Waverly
- August 24 Fairmont

# New Project

#### Kit for testing for SCN in the Classroom



FFA chapters can purchase kits at a reduced price that include a training video and all the materials needed to test for SCN in the classroom.

### **Training Video Includes:**

- Introduction 1:30
- Economic Impact & Global Demand 4:15
- Soybean Utilization 5:30
- Soybean Pests 4:45
- Field Inspection & Survey 3:00

### **Training Video Includes:**

- Soil Sampling 1:30
- SCN Test Kit
  6:30
- Egg Extraction from Soil 6:15
- Management of SCN 2:20
- Soybean Breeding
- Total Run Time43:15

7:40

# **Thank You!**



# **Questions?**