

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON SOYBEAN RUST

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Soybean sentinel plots have been established in 20 counties in Alabama to monitor for soybean rust. Another 15 kudzu patches have also been scouted weekly for the disease. As of May 20, the disease had not been identified in Alabama in 2005.

A map showing the general locations of the sentinel plots can be found on the Alabama Soybean Rust Web site http://www.aces.edu/dept/soybean/soybean_rust/

The Alabama sentinel plot program supplies information to USDA which uploads Alabama's results onto the USDA Soybean Rust Web site <http://www.usda.gov/soybeanrust/>. This web site shows a national map that displays all the counties where the disease has been reported in the U.S. in 2005 as well as all the counties that have been scouted. The web site also provides national commentary by soybean rust experts with the USDA. If you click on Alabama you will be able to see the counties that have been scouted in Alabama as well as my commentary on the situation in the state. There are also images of rust that you will find helpful in scouting for the disease and links to the Alabama Soybean Rust Web site and the Mid- South Soybean Rust Web site.

The Mid- South Soybean Rust Web site <http://www.soyrust.org/> was developed by soybean specialists in six southern states. It provides excellent information on fungicides and disease management.

Growers without Internet access can receive free rust updates by telephone from the Soybean Rust Hotline. The Hotline provides information on soybean rust with reports of outbreaks in the U.S. as well as general information on the use of fungicides to control the disease. The hotline will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. **You can call the soybean rust hotline by dialing 1-800-774-2847 (BUGS).**

