



Diagnostics in the Information Age

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Space Fungus! Mold Attacks Space Station Plants

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“Our plants aren’t looking too good,” NASA astronaut Scott Kelly tweeted along with this picture in late December.

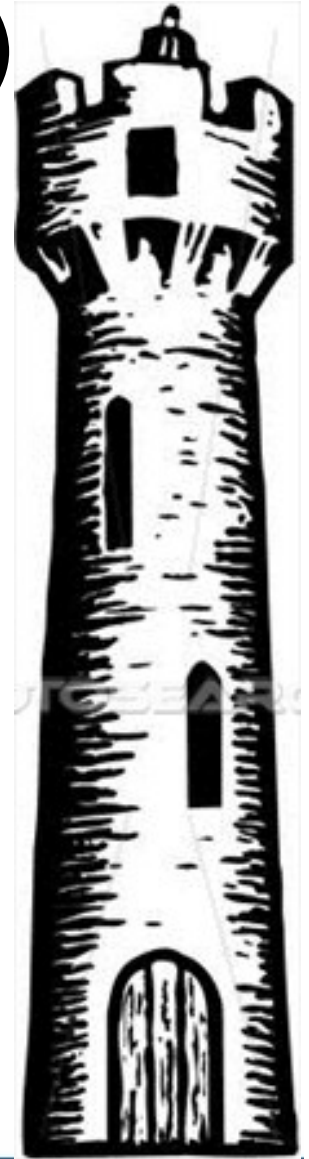
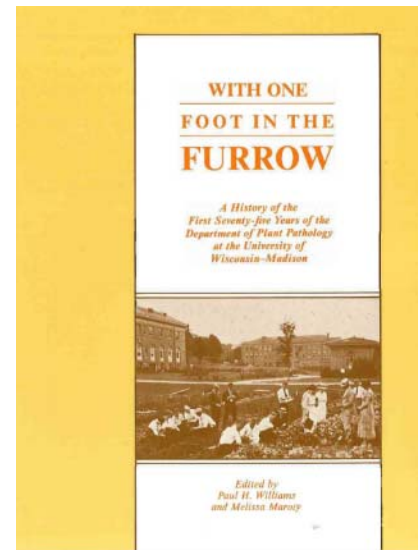
NASA/SCOTT KELLY



Niccolo Machiavelli

The purpose of the book “The Prince” (the purpose of diagnostics?)

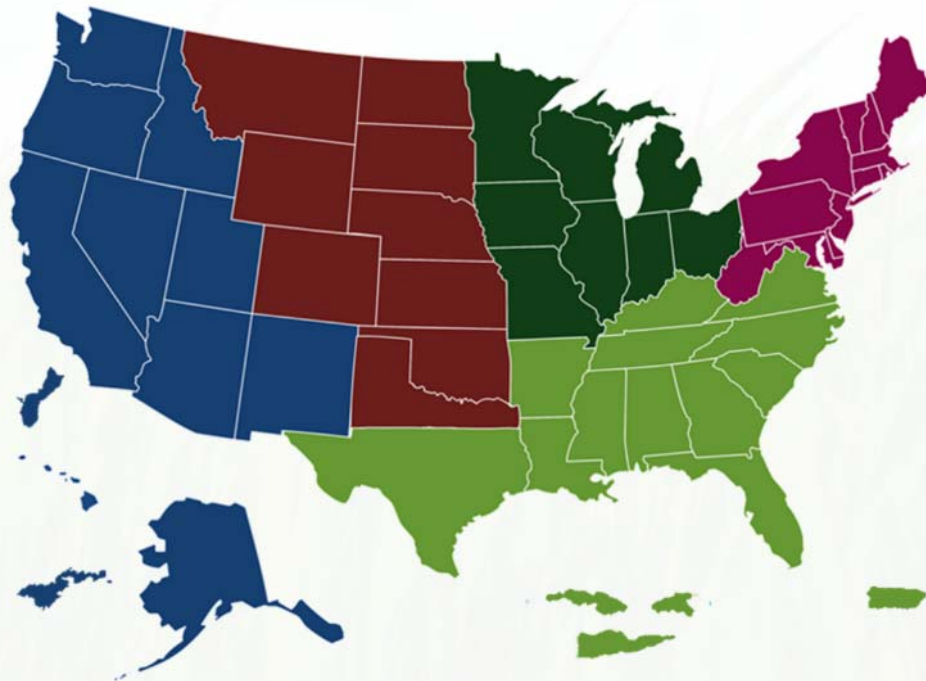
"To honor and reward virtù, not to have contempt for poverty.....to constrain citizens to love one another, to live without factions, to esteem less the private than the public good."



“There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.”

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The NPDN was established in 2002 in response to the need to enhance agricultural security through protecting health and productivity of plants in agricultural and natural ecosystems in the U.S. With support from the USDA-NIFA and through the collective efforts of many individuals representing Land Grant Universities, federal agencies, state departments of agriculture, and other stakeholders, the NPDN has grown into an internationally respected consortium of plant diagnostic laboratories. The specific purpose of the NPDN is to provide a cohesive, distributed system to quickly detect and identify pests and pathogens of concern. NPDN laboratories immediately report their findings to appropriate responders and decision makers. To accomplish this mission, the NPDN has invested in diagnostic laboratory infrastructure and training, developed an extensive network of first detectors through education and outreach, and enhanced communication among public agencies and stakeholders responsible for responding to and mitigating new outbreaks. We invite you to explore our website to learn more about the NPDN and our programs.



“States quickly founded, like all other things which are born and grow rapidly, cannot have deep roots, so that the first storm destroys them, unless...[the] prince is... able to take immediate steps for maintaining what fortune has thrown into his lap, and lay afterwards those foundations which others make before becoming princes.”



How do we reach our younger stakeholders?



And train graduate students or private industry equivalents?

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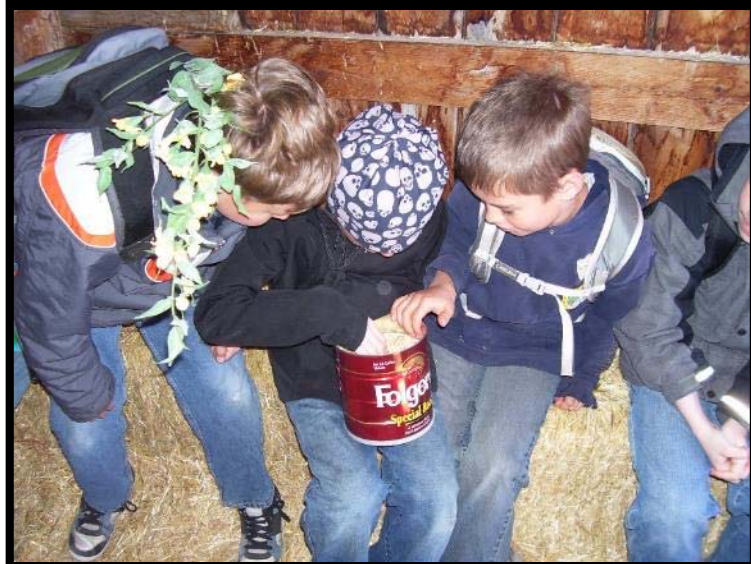
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<http://www.diagnostics.montana.edu/>

Schutter Diagnostic Lab added 2 new photos.
Yesterday at 12:33pm

With this glorious spring-like weather there are lots of plants sprouting around campus. I went outside to remind myself what some common species look like at the rosette stage. The first plant I noticed was field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*). Rosette leaves have margins that range from smooth to toothed, and leaves also have a garlic-like odor when bruised. Leaf surfaces are hairless- check this out for yourself with a hand lens or dissecting microscope. Identifying this rosette was easy since the distinctive siliques, or seed pods, were hanging around nearby on last year's plants. They are disc-shaped and indented at the tip. If you need a break from your office take your Weed Seeding ID Guide outside and see what you can find! <http://store.msueextension.org/.../AgandNaturalReso.../EB0215.pdf>



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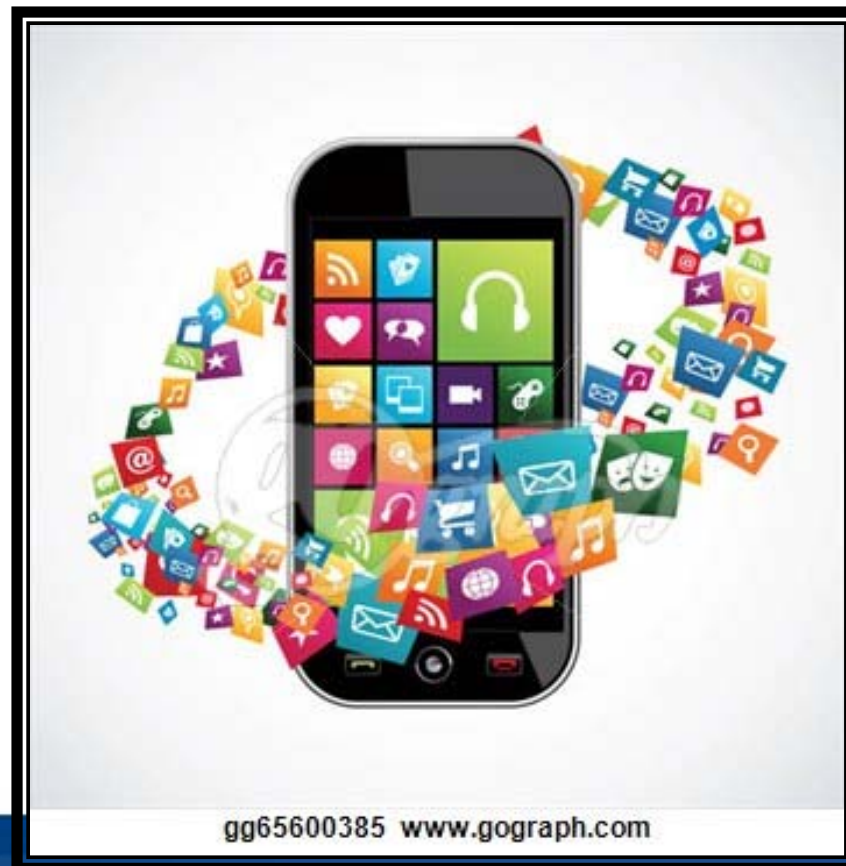
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CHALLENGES

- Digital diagnostics
- Citizen science
- Diagnostic tools, models
- Sustainability

Digital diagnostics

The most powerful tool for diagnostics in the field:



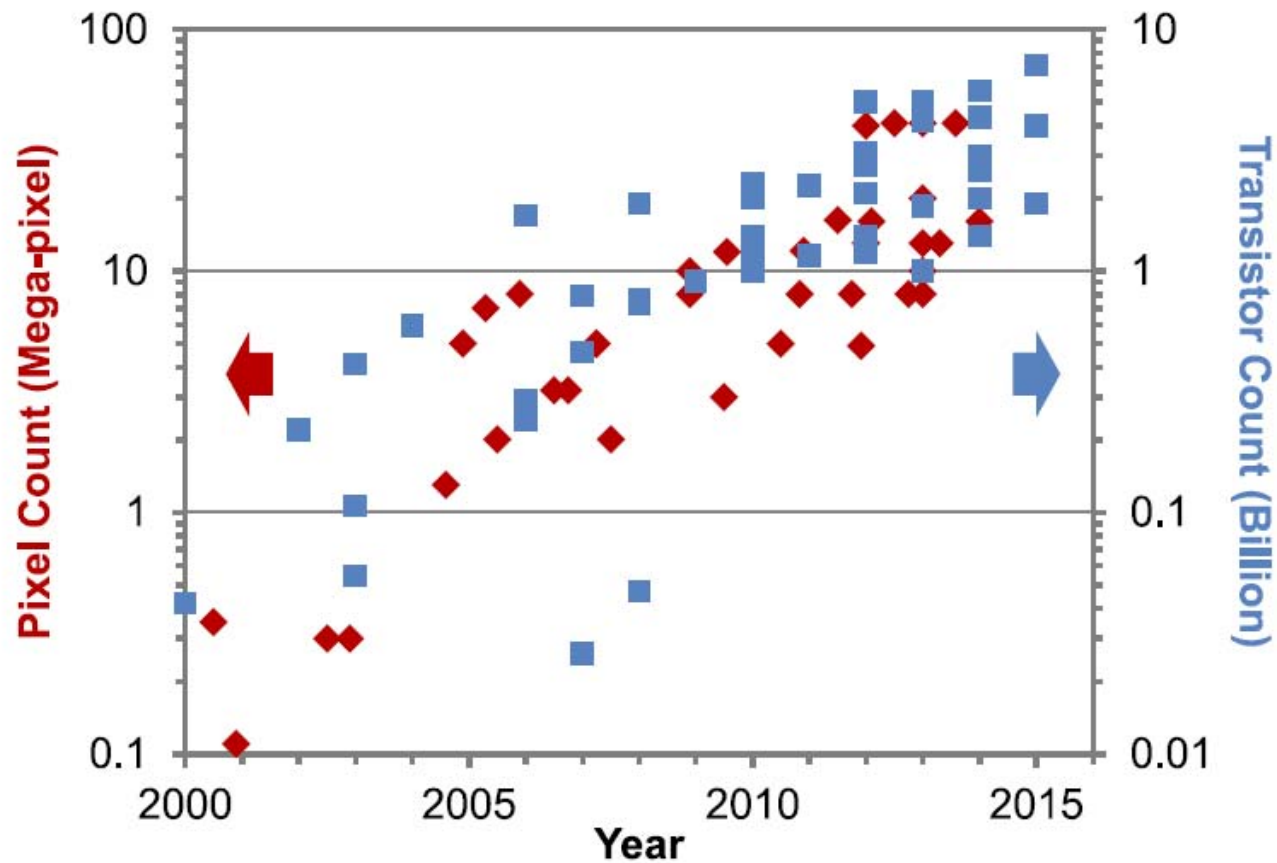


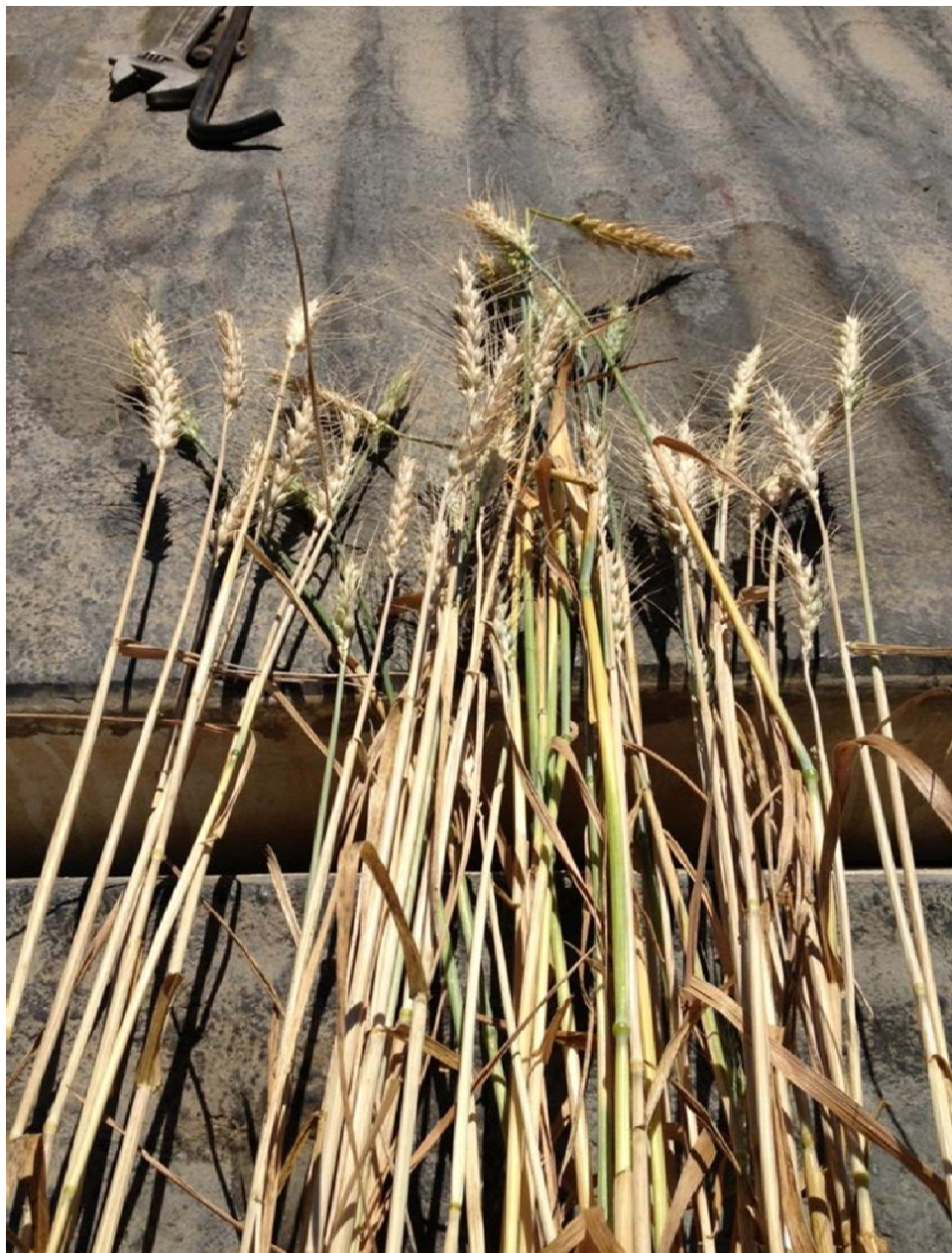
Fig. 1. The mega-pixel count of mobile phone cameras has doubled almost every two years following the Moore's Law seen in the transistor count in central-processing-units (CPUs) of personal computers [1]—Adapted by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

J. Contreras-Naranjo et al. 2016. IEEE J. Sel. Topics in Quantum Electronics. v. 22.

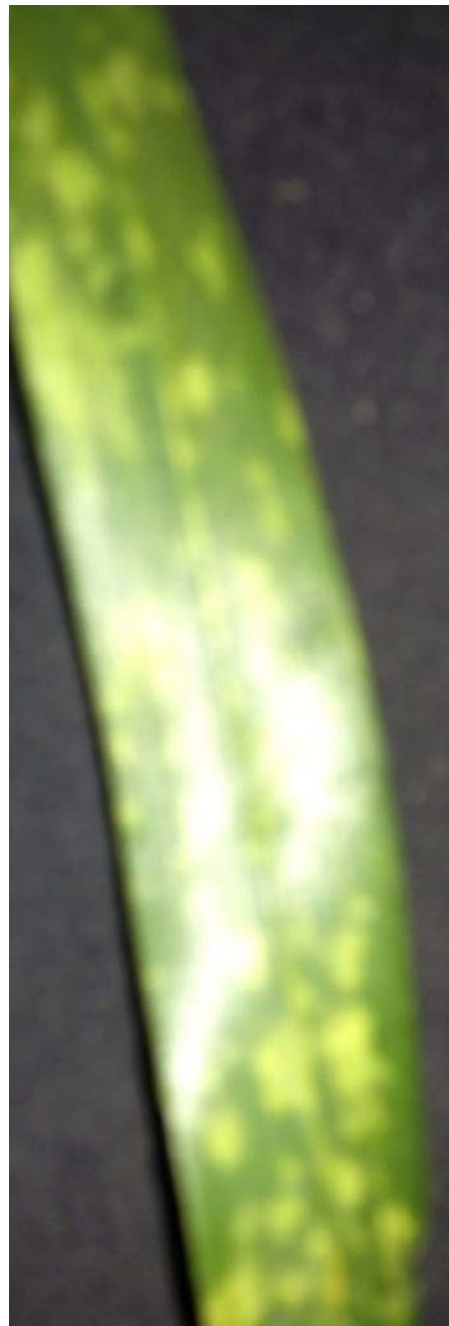
The good



the bad



he ugly



Challenges

Accuracy

Amount of
information

Expectations

High volume

No 'off' time for
specialists

Availability of
specialists

Opportunities

- Tracking development
- Reaching a new audience
- Direct contact with stakeholders
- Trust
- Providing accurate diagnosis and recommendations that are implemented immediately

“As the doctors say of a wasting disease, to start with it is easy to cure but difficult to diagnose; after a time, unless it has been diagnosed and treated at the outset, it becomes easy to diagnose but difficult to treat”







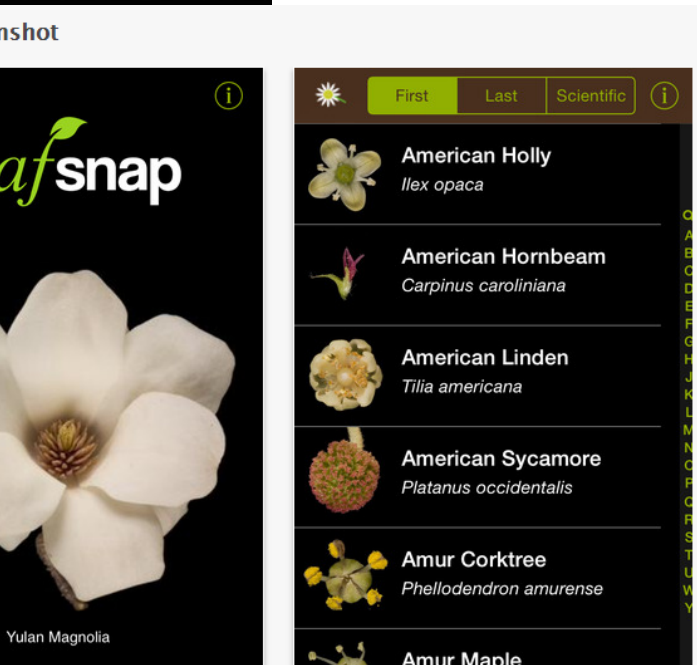


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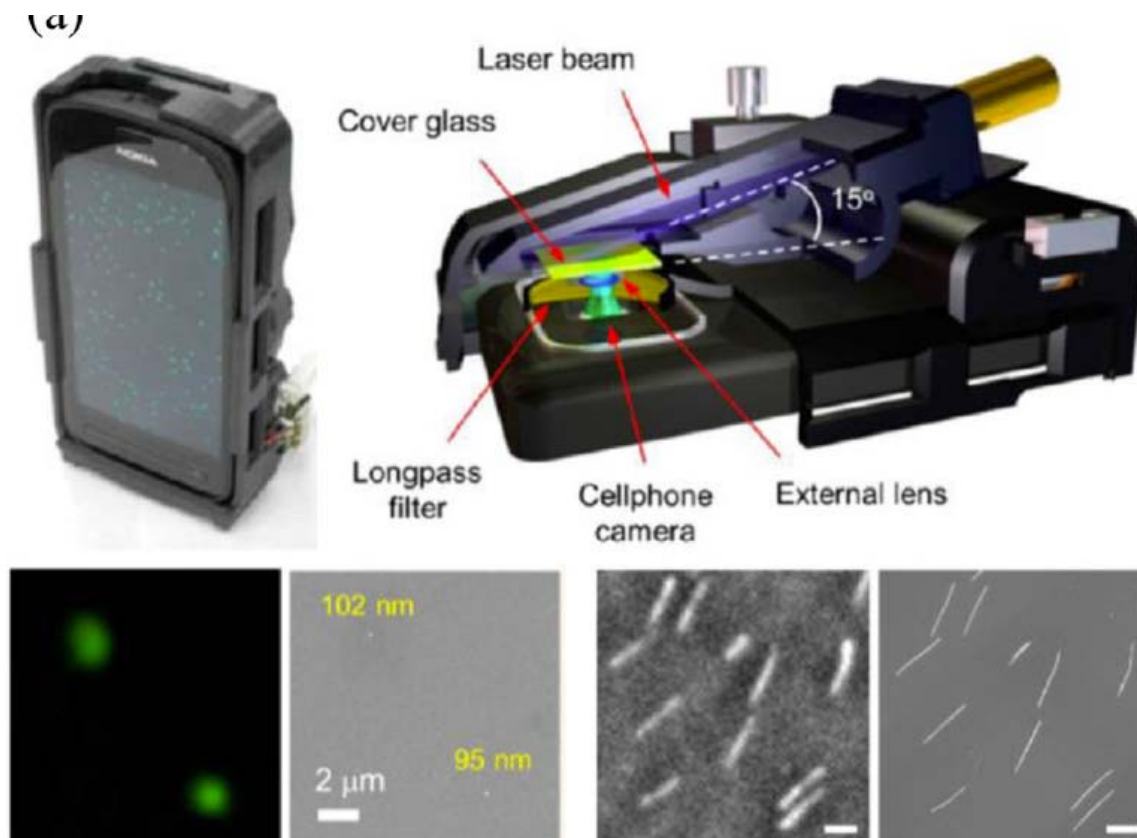
Ugandan farmers wait to be seen by plant doctors at rural plant clinic in Katine market, Soroti. The clinic is staffed by personnel from the NGO, Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization (SOCADIDO), and extension staff from the Ministry of Agriculture. Photo by Rob Harling of the Global Plant Clinic.

Citizen Science





Mobile phone platform for fluorescence imaging of nanoparticles and stretched ssDNA



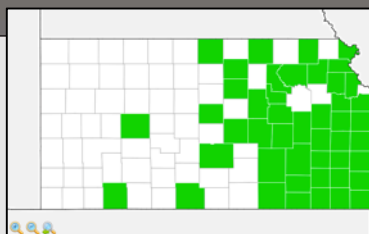


Sugarcane Aphid

Melanaphis sacchari

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Management guide

[Sugarcane Aphid \(Kansas Sorghum\)](#)

[Sugarcane Aphid \(Texas Sorghum\)](#)

Pest Description

These are very pale yellow aphids with short, dark 'tailpipes' (cornicles). They are capable of very high rates of reproduction and produce copious amounts of honeydew. The sugarcane aphids seen in 2013 were gray to tan or light yellow. Unlike other common aphid species that feed on sorghum, sugarcane aphids have dark, paired, tailpipe-like structures, called cornicles, at the rear, and their tarsi (feet) are dark at high magnification. The dark cornicles and tarsi contrast distinctively with the lighter body color of the sugarcane aphid. Go to [Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Publication \(#ENTO-035\)](#) for more information.

Source of information

KSRE (Mf742), Texas A&M Agrilife Extension (ENTO-035)

*Sign up for a **FREE** account
to receive sugarcane aphid
alerts and notifications when
it has been detected near you!*

Visit <https://www.myfields.info/sca> to learn more!

Challenges

Rapid increase in use of these platforms
Standardization
Data security
Validation of data
Interdisciplinary and large scale coordination
Formation of accessible data repositories

Opportunities

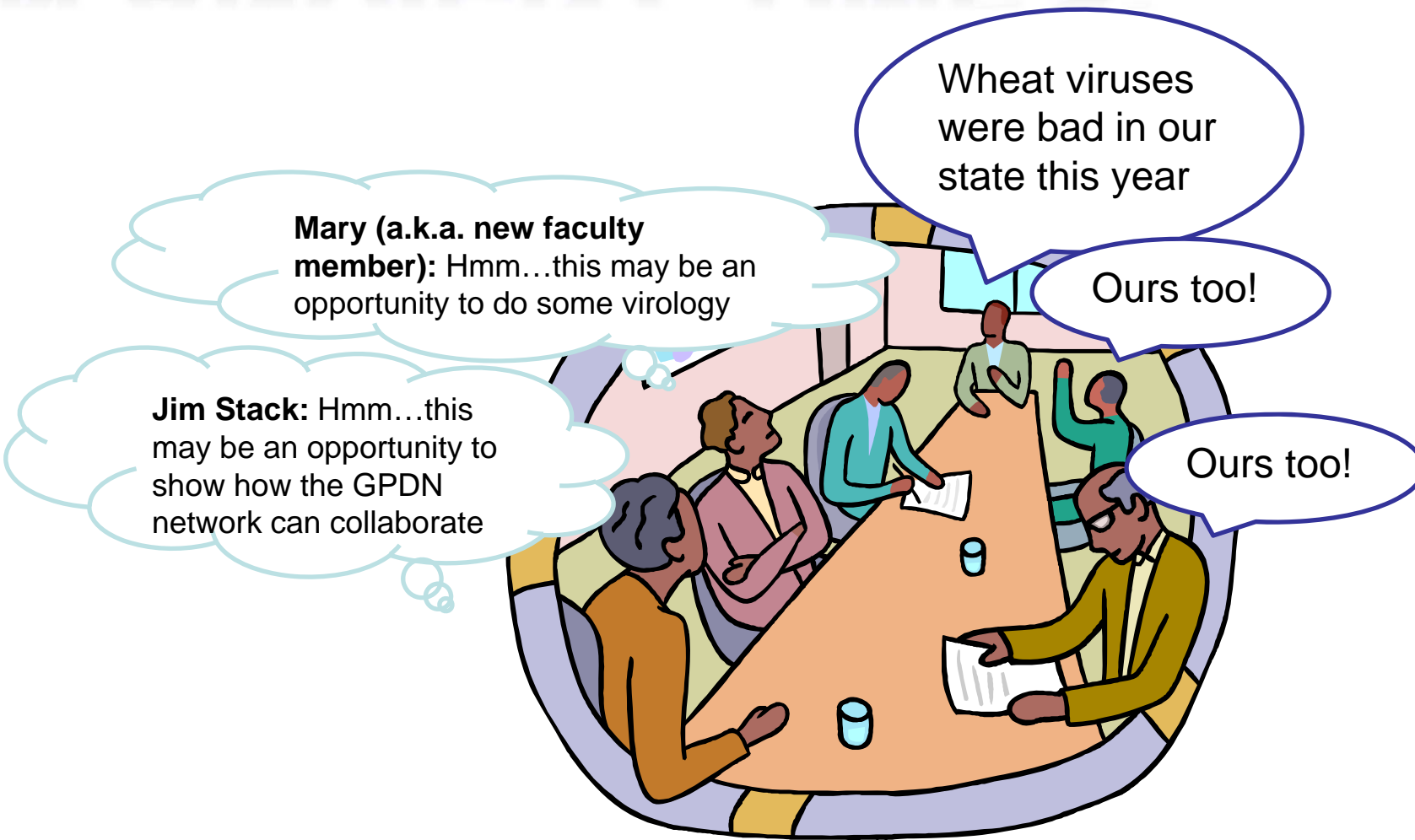
- Metadata for epidemiological analysis
 - Spatial
 - Temporal
- Education of a diverse audience with a stake in the outcome

“Whosoever desires constant success must change his conduct with the times.”

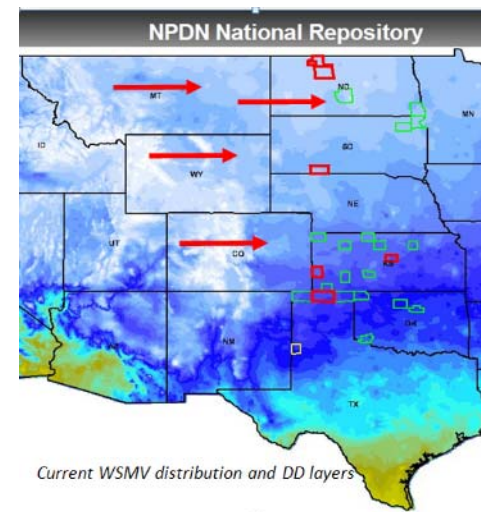
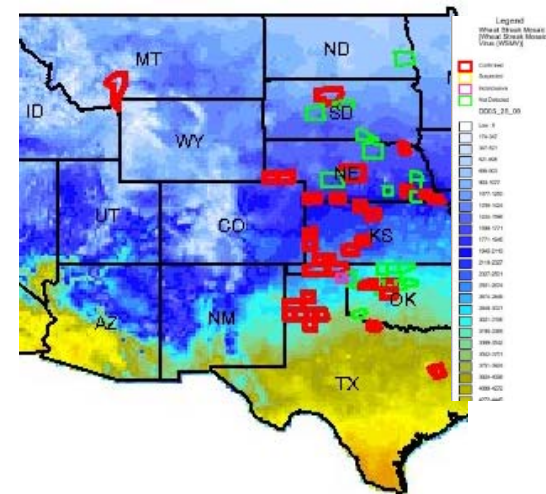


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06 NPDN meeting, GPDN state reports

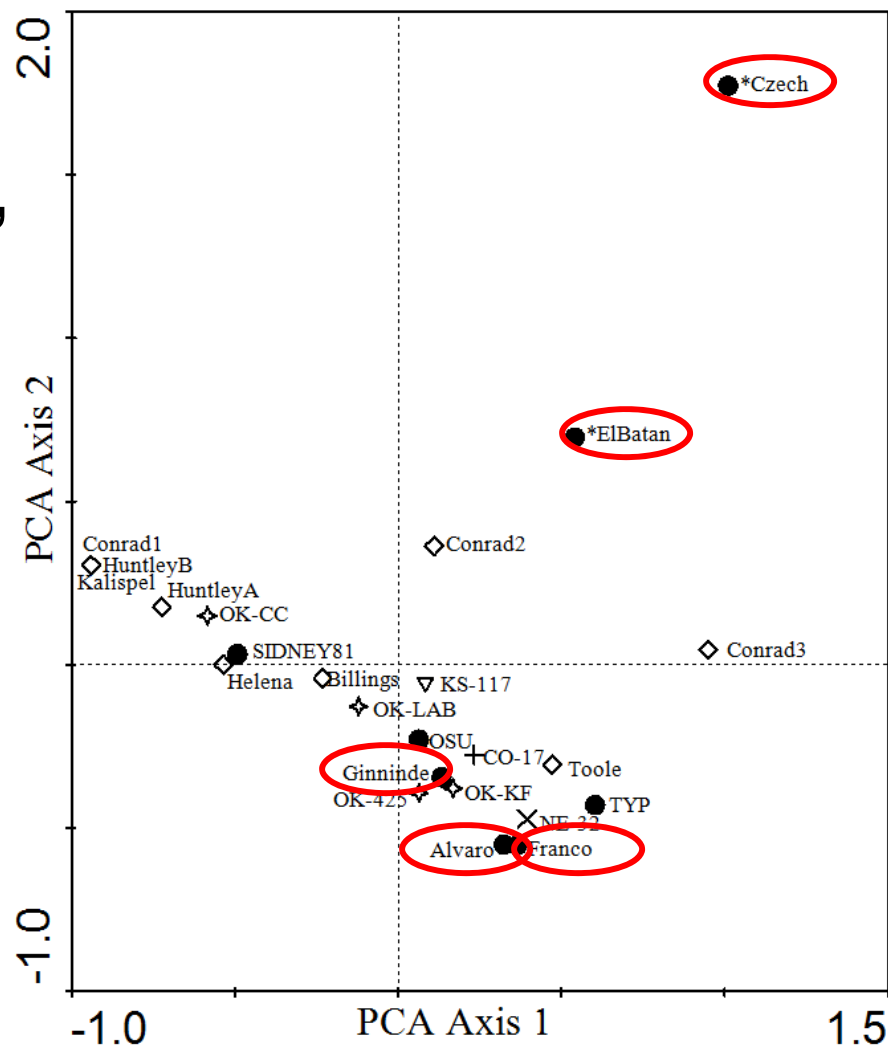


Survey methods: 2008-2010



Forensic plant pathology

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Samples

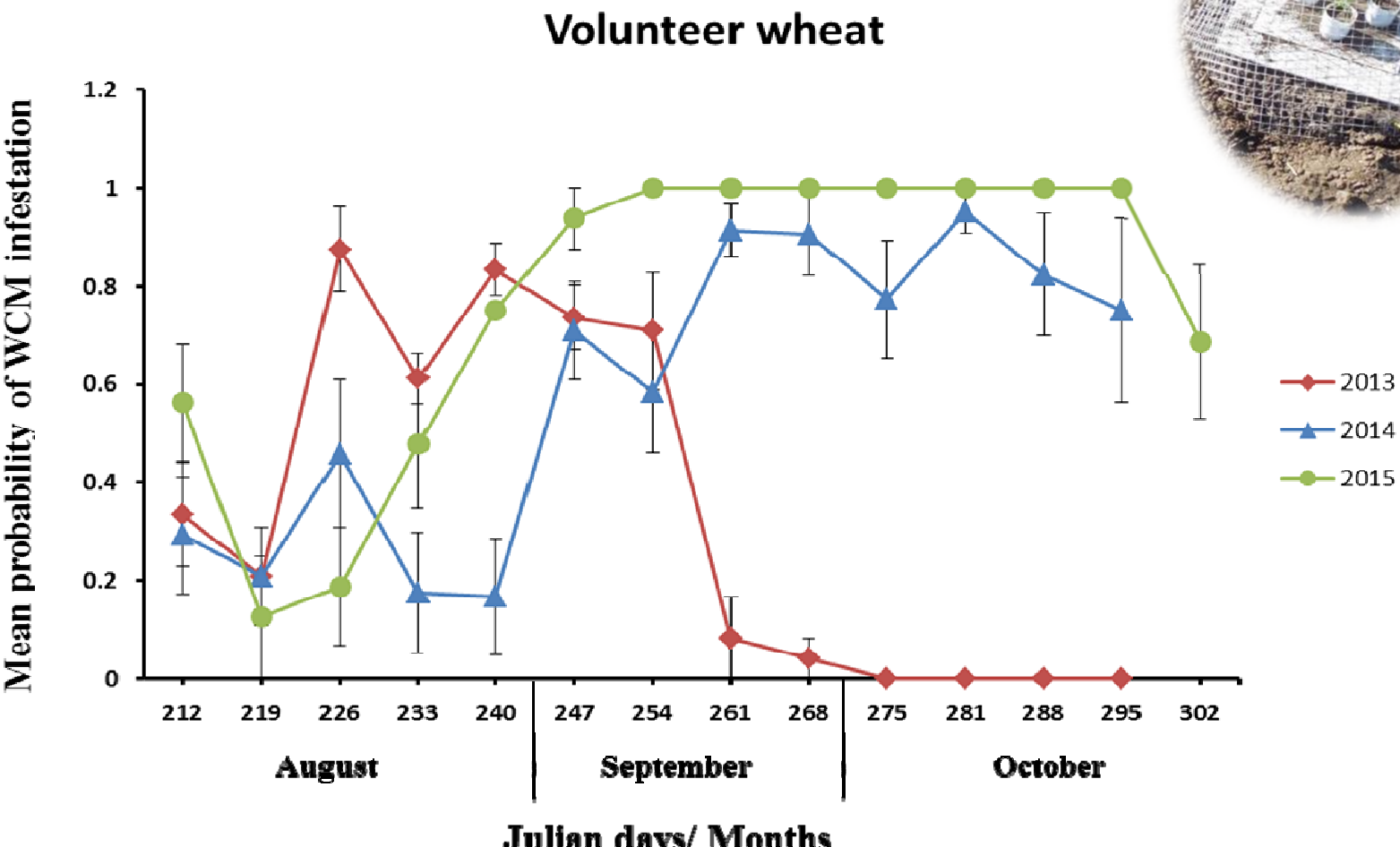
- Montana (◇)
- Kansas (▽)
- Oklahoma (✦)
- Colorado (+)
- Nebraska (X)
- Australia (●)
- Collection strains (●)

Discrimination

- unique profiles for each strain and most isolates
- some isolates near identical, but from similar area



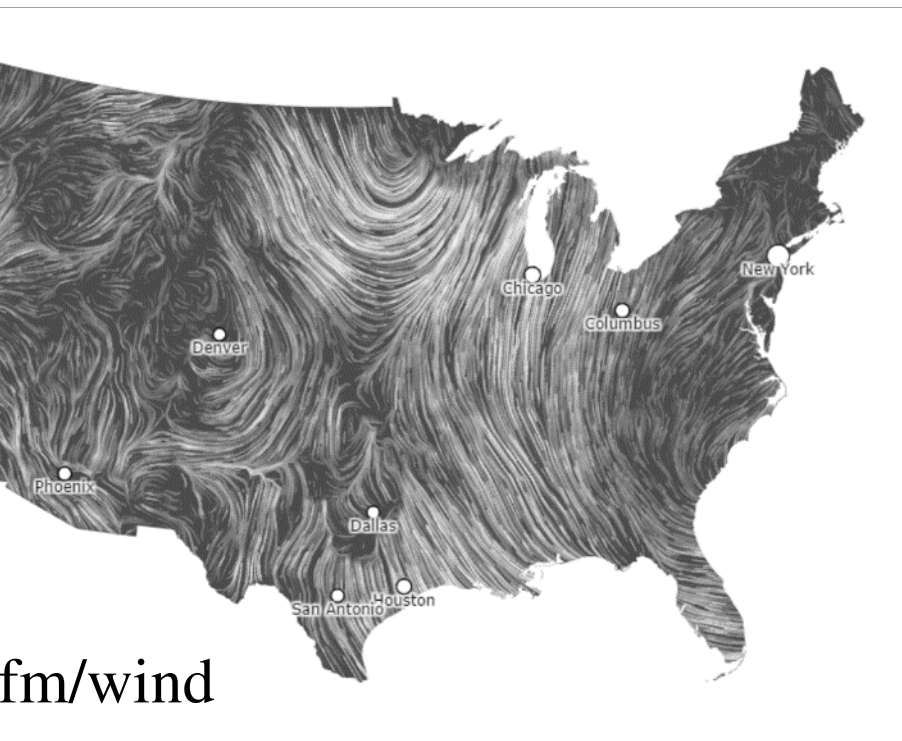
WCM infestation of volunteer wheat, Bozeman



What next?







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4	2016-01-14	WV
4	2016-01-14	WV
4	2016-01-13	SC
4	2016-01-13	SC
4	2016-01-06	SC
3	2016-01-07	FL
3	2016-01-11	NJ
3	2016-01-12	TN
3	2016-01-05	TX
3	2016-01-13	OK
3	2014-12-12	PA
3	2016-01-13	AR

NPDN Pest/Host Index Report



This report represents confirmed pests/pathogens and the hosts they have been found on. While every effort has been made to provide an accurate report, these results are not guaranteed to be complete and accurate. Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the data.

Pest: Genus: Species: Display Options: ☒ Common Name

Host: ☒ Common Name

Search Criteria

Pest: Sclerotinia minor

Pest Name
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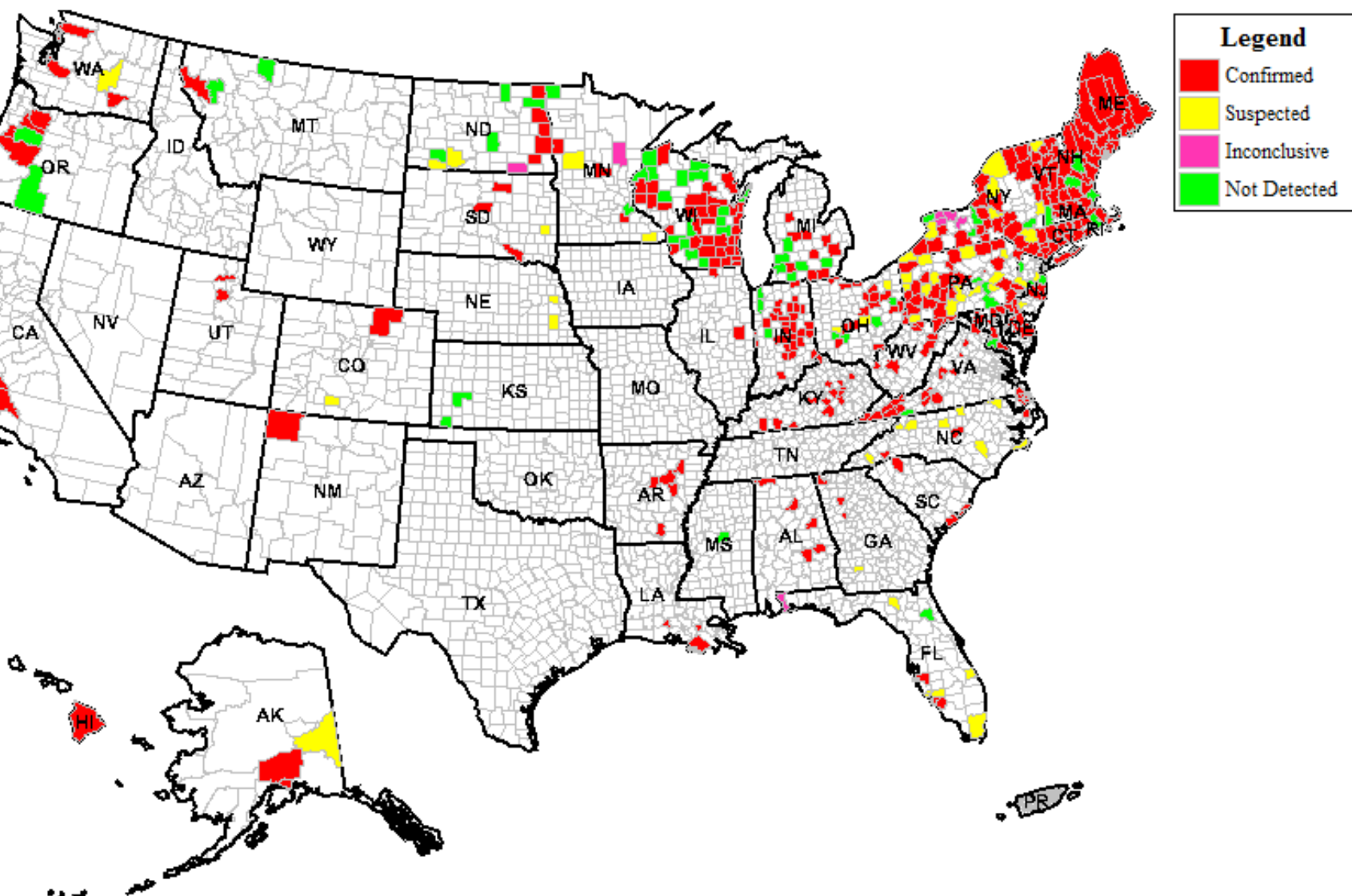
NPDN Summary Data Reports

Date of Search: 02/29/2016 04:24:41 pm EST
 Number of Records: 112,025
 Report Type: Pest Category
 Sorted by: Pest Category
 Search Criteria
 Sample Dates: 2015-01-01 to 2015-12-31

Lab Sample Data Summary Report

Pest Category	Confirmed	Suspected	Inconclusive	Not Detected	Total
Abiotics	1,798	7,055	1,580	216	10,649
Arthropods	15,619	2,175	815	2,101	20,710
Nematode	12,133	1,076	235	6,485	19,929
Other	10,494	767	1,292	2,034	14,587
Pathogen	25,679	6,433	2,603	10,323	45,038
Plants/Woods	657	348	91	16	1,112

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ophthora infestans



N Scatter Graph

From Dates: 2004-01-01 to 2016-02-29

Phytophthora infestans Sub-Species

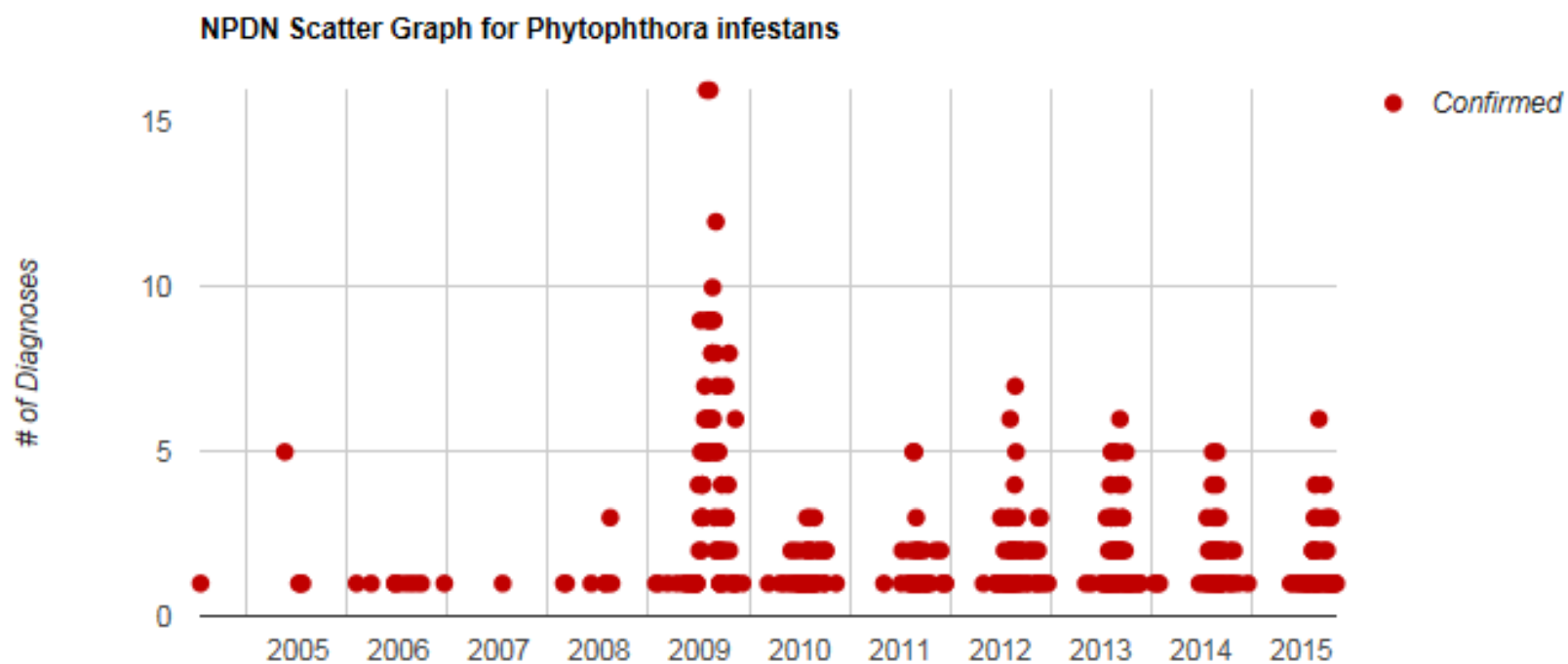
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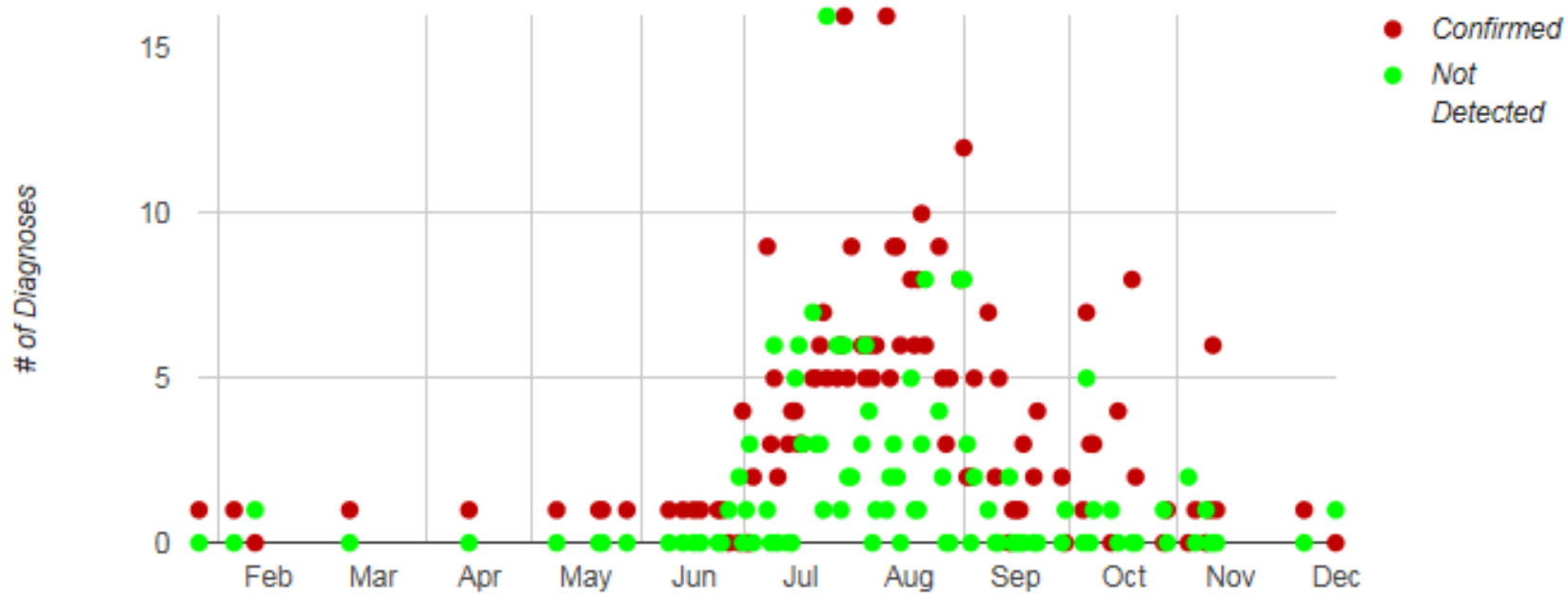
NPDN Scatter Graph

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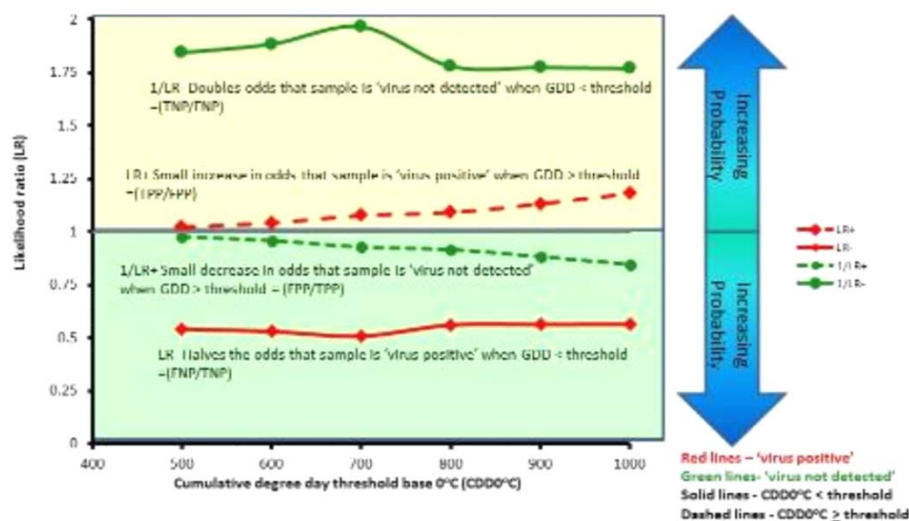
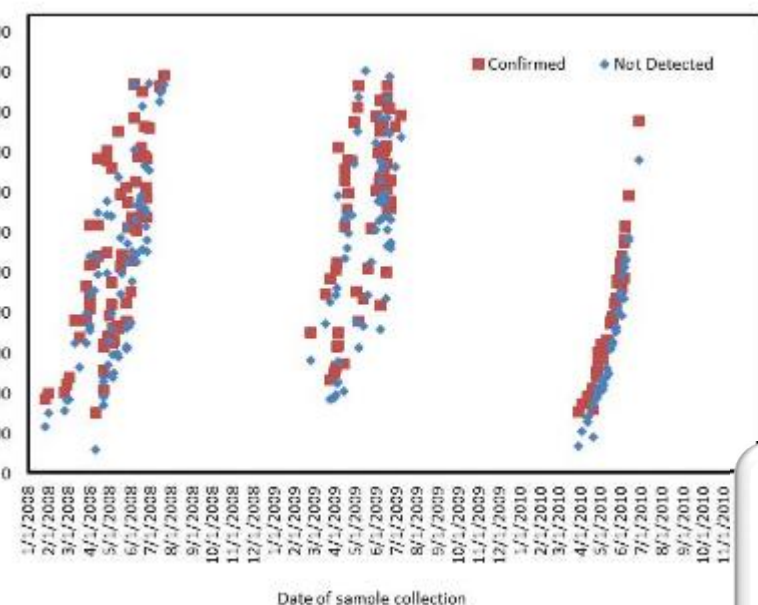
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NPDN Scatter Graph for *Phytophthora infestans*



Disease prediction



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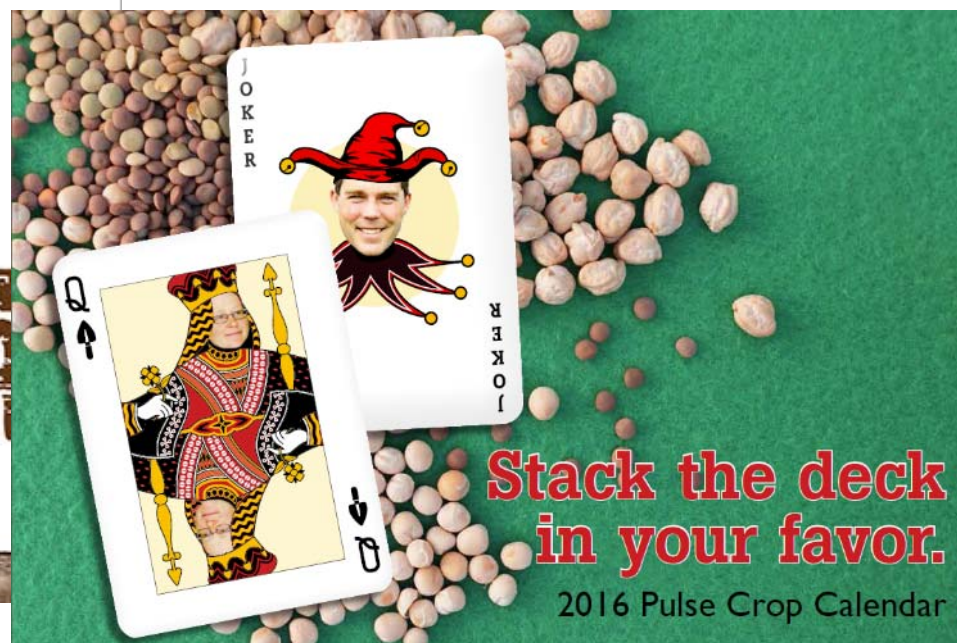
“One change always leaves
the way open for the
establishment of others.
Politics have no relation to
morals.”

“Never was anything great
achieved without danger.”



“I'm not interested in preserving the status quo; I want to overthrow it.”

http://msuaf.org/give-schutter_lab



The ends always justify the means”



Farmers

they have biological weapons

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GPDN

