

K-STATE RESEARCH & EXTENSION

Field Diagnosis Check List

Things to take to the field: shovel, moisture probe, soil test probe, soil sample bags, plastic bucket, zip lock bags and trash bags with twist ties, hand lens, pocket knife, camera, collection of crop production handbooks and diagnosing production problems booklets, plant disease and weed books.

Cooperator _____ County _____

Field name or # _____ Soil series _____

Present crop _____ Planting date _____ Planting rate _____

Variety/hybrid _____ Type of planter _____

Soil condition at planting _____

Problem Assessment

Date symptoms first appeared _____

Visible symptoms: Stunting _____ Wilting _____ Leaf tip dieback _____

Discoloration (what color, which leaves or parts of leaves) _____

Leaf spots or injury _____ Abnormal/twisted growth _____

Mosaic pattern _____ Damage to roots _____

Insect damage _____ Disease symptoms _____

Field pattern of symptoms: Thin stands _____ Yellowing _____

Browning _____ Strips in field _____ Edge of field _____

Width of pattern _____ Does pattern match equipment width? _____

Could previous crop management have caused problem? _____

Have there been any recent weather conditions that could have caused the problem?

Are there any areas in the field that look normal? _____

Describe growth stage and relative size of normal plants compared to affected plants

Current management practices

Herbicide(s) _____ When & rate applied _____

Method of application _____ Other herbicide considerations _____

Fertility program: List source and amount of N P₂O₅ K₂O S Zn Other

preplant _____

planting time starter _____

topdress/sidedress _____

Total _____

Other fertility considerations (such as manure applications) _____

Insecticide(s) _____ When & how much applied _____

Method of application _____

Other insecticide considerations _____

Seed treatment (including inoculants) _____

Field History

Tillage: type and number of operations _____

Any compaction problems (tilled wet?) _____

General soil conditions (such as, eroded, sides slopes, thin & shallow, alkali or sodic spots, deep/good, etc.) _____

Was previous crop residue distributed uniformly? _____

Soil test results: nutrient levels N _____ P _____ K _____ pH _____

Organic matter _____ year sampled _____ sampling depth _____

Other considerations about soil test _____

Irrigation: Type _____ Amount _____

Water electroconductivity _____

Any irrigation problems _____

Previous crop _____

Fertility _____

Herbicides _____ When applied & rate _____

Level of weed control _____ Weather conditions _____

Type of tillage _____ Harvest conditions _____

Compaction _____ Yield level _____

Draw a map of where the damaged areas occur in the field:

For more information and help, please contact your local County Research & Extension agent.

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