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### **Corn Disease Updates**

If falling commodity and rising input prices weren't enough, emerging corn diseases over the past three seasons have added increased pressure to budgets – and our management – as well. Tar Spot has been a challenge, and while confirmation of Corn Stunt in Kansas last season doesn't guarantee it will be an issue *this* season, it does mean we need to be on the lookout.

To help growers stay abreast of what we know – and what we're learning - about these pathogens, *Corn Disease Updates* are being held Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in Seneca and Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> in Oskaloosa (10:30 A.M. start both days). We'll discuss what Corn Stunt means for our disease management systems and share updates on what we've learned about Tar Spot. A brief overview of soybean disease management, including soybean fungicide resistance concerns, and an update on Soybean Gall Midge movement will conclude the morning. K-State Research & Extension Row Crops Pathologist Dr. Rodrigo Onofre will be on hand for the Seneca event. Meadowlark Extension District Crops & Soils Agent David Hallauer will lead the discussion in Oskaloosa.

The Seneca program (Woolsoncroft Event Center, 1615 Branch St.) will begin at 10:30 A.M. A sponsored lunch courtesy of Helena Agri-Enterprises will conclude the program.

The program in Oskaloosa (Colonial Acres Event Center) will also begin at 10:30 A.M. A sponsored lunch courtesy of Union State Bank will conclude the program.

Meal count numbers are requested by *noon* on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by contacting any Meadowlark Extension District Office or e-mail [dhallaue@ksu.edu](mailto:dhallaue@ksu.edu) or register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/corndisease>. In case of inclement weather, you will be contacted via your registration information. You can also check out the program status on the Meadowlark Extension District Crops & Soils page: <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/crops-soils/>. Hope to see you there!