2013 Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic Survey Commercial Growers

Commercial clientele who had included an email address on the Plant Disease Diagnostic form were surveyed post-growing season \( (n=66) \). Thirty-six percent responded to the survey.

1. Select one production area that best describes your operation:

- field crops
- tree fruits
- small fruits (not including grapes for wine production)
- grapes for wine production
- vegetables for processing
- vegetables/herbs for fresh market
- nursery
- greenhouse
- Christmas tree
- other

2. Select one production method that best describes your operation:

- conventional production
- sustainable production
- organic production
- other
3. By what means do you generally receive your Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic report(s) (check all that apply)?

4. Please check the choice(s) below that apply to your experience using the Plant Disease Clinic:
5. In general, do you think the Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic services:

- ensure accurate diagnosis.
- ensure pesticides are only used when a clear benefit will result.
- reduce pesticide inputs.
- increase profitability.
- increase the quality of your crop.
- allow you to develop a more strategic integrated pest management approach in your operation.

6. In general, do the Plant Disease Clinic services increase your knowledge of:

- pest and disease problems
- abiotic problems (non-living problems, such as improper soil pH, chemical injury, environmental stress)
- alternative pest/disease control options (those other than pesticides)
- pesticide control options
7. I value the services provided by the Plant Disease Clinic.