2014 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=71). Thirty-one percent responded to the survey.

1. Select one production area that best describes your operation:
2. Select one production method that best describes your operation:
3. By what means do you generally receive your Virginia Tech Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic report(s) (check all that apply)?

![Bar Chart]

4. Please check the choice(s) below that apply to your experience using the Plant Disease Clinic:

- My Extension agent discussed diagnostic results and recommendations with me.
- My Extension office provided additional information to me to supplement the diagnostic report.
- I understood the diagnostic report.
- None of the above apply to my Plant Disease Clinic results.
5. In general, do you think the Plant Disease Clinic diagnostic services:

- Ensure accurate diagnosis: 95.45% Agree, 4.55% Disagree
- Ensure pesticides are only used when a clear benefit will result: 57.14% Agree, 42.86% Disagree
- Reduce pesticide inputs: 52.39% Agree, 47.62% Disagree
- Increase profitability: 57.14% Agree, 42.86% Disagree
- Increase the quality of your crop: 85.71% Agree, 14.29% Disagree
- Allow you to develop a more strategic integrated pest management approach in your operation: 76.19% Agree, 23.81% Disagree
6. In general, do the Plant Disease Clinic services increase your knowledge of:

- Pest and disease problems: 95% agree, 5% disagree.
- Abiotic problems (non-living problems, such as improper soil pH, chemical injury, environmental stress): 86% agree, 14% disagree.
- Alternative pest/disease control options (those other than pesticides): 67% agree, 33% disagree.
- Pesticide control options: 71% agree, 29% disagree.
7. I value the services provided by the Plant Disease Clinic.