



Important Update: Changes to Billing of Nematode Testing for Soybean Growers

The Michigan Soybean Committee (MSC) values the longstanding collaboration with MSU Plant & Pest Diagnostics (MSU PPD). For many years, MSC has supported soybean growers by funding the cost of nematode identification and quantification from soil samples. This funding has played a key role in helping growers monitor and manage nematode pressure in soybean fields.

Due to decreased soybean prices MSC is making budget changes. MSC will discontinue the funding of the nematode analysis at the end of 2025. Growers who wish to take advantage of MSC-sponsored testing before the funding ends are asked to limit submissions to 10 samples per grower. Funding for SCN type tests will end immediately. This will help ensure that remaining resources can continue through the 2025 season.

MSU Plant & Pest Diagnostics will continue to offer high-quality nematode testing services. However, beginning January 1, 2026, the lab will begin charging submitters directly for nematode sample analysis. The cost for a basic nematode analysis is \$25 per sample, and \$75 for type tests; clients will be billed for the processing fee(s) after diagnostic work is completed.

We recognize the important role this program has played in helping growers identify and manage SCN pressure. MSC encourages soybean growers to continue actively monitoring SCN populations levels by continuing to submit SCN samples, thus safeguarding long-term productivity.

Growers with questions or concerns about the funding changes are encouraged to contact Mark Seamon at the Michigan Soybean Committee at mseamon@michigansoybean.org. Questions about nematode sampling and testing can be sent to Angie Tenney at MSU Plant & Pest Diagnostics (millera3@msu.edu) .

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to soybean health and productivity.