Crop Diagnostic Key

This Crop Diagnostic Key helps growers step through symptoms to narrow down crop problems. Fill it in by hand and keep it with your farm records for later seasons.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Note crop, variety and growth stage
2. Describe symptoms and plant part affected
3. Note field pattern: uniform, patchy or edge
4. Check for pest or disease signs
5. Check recent herbicide or fertilizer use
6. Review weather and soil conditions
7. Compare to extension diagnostic resources
8. Record likely cause and follow up

YOUR NOTES

TIP Rule out herbicide injury, nutrient problems and weather before blaming insects or disease.