Nematode Identification Guide

This nematode identification guide outlines how to recognize signs of nematode trouble in crops and when to collect soil or root samples for a lab to confirm the species.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Note crop symptoms above ground
2. Dig plants and inspect the roots
3. Look for galls, cysts or stunted roots
4. Record the field pattern of weak areas
5. Collect soil and root samples
6. Label and ship samples to a lab
7. Record lab species results
8. Plan rotation or resistant options

YOUR NOTES

TIP Nematodes are microscopic, so rely on a diagnostic lab for species and ask your extension agent what the results mean.