



## PROGRESS REPORT

Q4 Report - Digital Crop Doc, a digital diagnostic service for Minnesota producers - April 30, 2022  
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The digital crop doc (DCD) program is a UMN Extension program supported in 2021-2022 with funding from both the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council (MCRPC) and the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council. [DCD is a mobile-friendly webpage](#) housed on the larger UMN Extension website. Corn producers or the crop advisors and agronomists that work with them can submit pictures of disease symptoms on corn and provide additional information (distribution on the plant and in the field for example) that can help us in arriving at a visual diagnosis. The MCRPC has provided funding to assist us in paying for the software license that powers the online form, and travel, shipping and UMN Plant Disease Clinic fees to assist in confirming a handful of visual diagnoses in a laboratory.

Information about Digital Crop Doc was shared with Minnesota crop producers during the 45 location, whirlwind January and February-held, 2022, Private Pesticide Applicator Training re-certification workshops throughout the state of Minnesota, from Wykoff (Fillmore County) in southwest Minnesota up to Roseau (Roseau County) that borders Canada in northwest Minnesota.

### **Future directions**

The historically severe and widespread 2021 Minnesota drought led to few DCD submissions. To give this program the chance to succeed in a 'typical' growing year, we applied for and were awarded a no-cost extension for the funds granted for this project to carry this program into the 2022 growing season. Any assistance that the MCRPC could provide in spreading the word about this program would be appreciated.