

# Scouting for Soybean Cyst Nematode

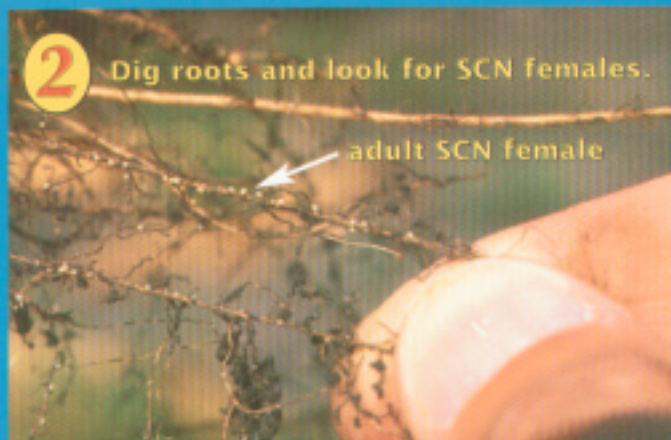
For effective integrated SCN management, scout fields BEFORE symptoms appear. Three steps to good SCN scouting are:

**1** Collect pre-plant or post-harvest soil samples and submit for analysis.



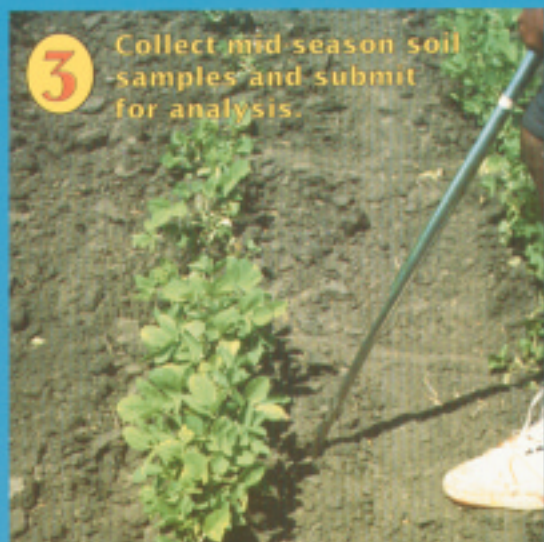
• Target high-risk field areas, as shown above.

**2** Dig roots and look for SCN females.



• Sample from six weeks after planting until late August.  
• Dig roots; do not pull them from the soil.

**3** Collect mid-season soil samples and submit for analysis.



• Collect soil near stunted or yellowed plants.  
• Send soil samples to the ISU Plant Disease Clinic or another laboratory for analysis.



## NOTE

Infested fields may not have stunted or yellowed plants such as these for years, but may have much lower yields.

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Contact your local county extension office for copies of the ISU Plant Nematode Sample Submission Form PD-32.