

How-To Guide:

Uploading photos to SIL's Pest and Disease Identification Board

Why is this important?

Taking high quality photos from several angles and providing as much information on the pest or disease as possible makes the identification process easier and more accurate.

✓ Do this:



- ✓ Send large, clear, focused pictures of the pest or disease
- ✓ Include pictures of the pest or disease from multiple angles
- ✓ Send multiple pictures
- ✓ Include additional information (see page 2 for details)

X Don't do this:



- X Send small, blurry, and/or unfocused pictures of the pest or disease
- X Send a single picture
- X Send pictures with other plants or pests in the background

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Helpful information to include (all pests):

- Soybean growth stage (click [here](#) for assistance identifying stages)
- Date the pest was observed

Helpful disease information to include:

- Location of the symptoms on the plant (fruit/seeds, upper part of the plant, lower part of the plant, roots)
- Location of the symptoms within the field (Are the symptoms only on plants in a small portion of the field or throughout the field?)
- Local environmental conditions (e.g., an abnormally humid season or higher temperatures than normal)

Helpful insect information to include:

- Time of day pest was observed
- Size reference (fingernail or coin to compare relative size)

Helpful weed information to include:

- Pictures of all parts of the plant (roots, shoots, and leaves)
- Pictures of flowers and seeds (particularly for grass species)

