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A request for crown rust samples from the USA

What makes oat crown rust a pathogen...help us answer that question.

The Figueroa Laboratory at the University of Minnesota is working on a project to build resources to conduct population genomics in oat crown rust. This is important to understand why crown rust is such a successful pathogen and help engineer better crop protection.

To do this, we are asking commercial fields and farmers in the USA to send us infected leaf samples.

If you would like to send us samples, please contact Dr. Sheshanka Dugyala at <u>sdugyala@umn.edu</u> and copy Dr. Melania Figueroa (<u>figue031@umn.edu</u>). We will send you instructions.

Thank you!

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