



Request for cereal rust observations and samples from the USA, 2018

Dear cooperators,

We have begun to receive cereal rust observations from the southern Plains Area states over the past two weeks. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all collaborators to [review the updated guide](#) for reporting rust observations and for preparing/sending rust-infected small grain and grass samples to the Cereal Disease Laboratory. There are two updated collection forms ([standard](#) and [fillable](#) PDFs) with details on how to direct samples to the appropriate personnel.

I would also like to direct your attention to the [Cereal Disease Lab Cooperator's Page](#), which includes the attached resources as well as links to the Cereal Rust Bulletin, current and historical survey information, guides for rust identification, and other resources of potential interest.

The success of the annual cereal rust survey and the Cereal Rust Bulletin is made possible by our numerous collaborators nationwide. We would like to thank all of you for your continued cooperation and we look forward to working with you again this year to document cereal rust observations and to process rust samples for race identification.

All the best,
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