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Soybean rust scouting in sentinel plots across the U.S. creates information for the real-time USDA ipmPIPE Web site (http://sbr.ipmpipe.org). The sentinel plots system is sponsored by the North Central Soybean Research Program, the United Soybean Board, and the United States Department of Agriculture. These plots of soybean or kudzu stretch from Florida to Texas and up through the Midwest. In 2008, sentinel plots have been established in Mexico for the first time.

This spring, 20 sentinel plots (see map) have been established across Iowa. We will be monitoring fields in these counties with the help of several Iowa Soybean Rust Triage members and ten Iowa State University Research farm staff. To date, several leaf samples have come in and the only disease found is Septoria brown spot.
Figure 2. Counties with sentinel plots for soybean rust scouting in 2008

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