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This publication is currently being printed and will be available after June 12 for order through any ISU Extension office, online through the ISU Extension Distribution Center, or by calling (515) 294-5247. A copy of this publication is available on the Web at www.extension.iastate.edu/publications/PM2028.pdf.

The other tool is the newly redesigned Web site, www.soybeanrust.info. This site is supported by the Iowa Soybean Rust Team and is designed to provide Iowa producers with the information they need to make research-based decisions on how to treat this new crop threat.

The general look of the site remains the same, but the content has been significantly reorganized and updated. The content is now organized into three categories: identify, confirm, and manage. This format allows users to more quickly and easily find the information they want.

The Iowa Soybean Rust Team was formed in 2002 to help Iowa producers prepare for Asian soybean rust. Team members include Iowa State University, the Iowa Soybean Association, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the United States Department of Agriculture—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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