Ontario Soybean Rust Coalition

“A Partnership of Key Soybean Stakeholders”

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The Ontario Soybean Rust Coalition (OSRC) is a group of key industry partners including extension (government), producers, researchers, equipment and chemical companies, who are committed to providing the resources and tools to manage soybean rust. The proactive approach by the OSRC helped respond and alleviate producer and industry fears when the disease was confirmed in Ridgetown, Ontario (October 2007).

Teamwork The Key - “A Unified Voice”!
These partners are not only committed to collect, compile, disseminate information and resources to tackle this debilitating crop disease but to provide a “unified” voice concerning soybean rust to not only Ontario producers but other Canadian soybean producers.

What Are We Doing and Why?
The Coalition has undertaken various activities to prepare producers, extension, consultants and the Ontario soybean industry with the necessary resources and decision support tools to effectively and successfully manage this new invasive plant disease. These activities range from Soybean Rust Information Workshops, the production of soybean rust identification and management materials, Rust Management Seminars, Field Days, the development of a Canadian Soybean Rust web page (www.soybean.on.ca) and many others activities.

Ontario Soybean Rust Coalition Members
Coalition members include: the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Soybean Growers (now part of Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, The University of Guelph, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Dow AgroSciences, E.I. du Pont Company, Laresco, Monsanto, Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited, Syngenta Crop Protection, Syngenta Seeds, and John Deere & Company.

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