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To: *Plant Health Progress* Authors and Readers, University and Agency Administrators,
and Promotion and Tenure Committee Members

Re: Statement of Impact

Launched in 2000, *Plant Health Progress*, a journal of the Plant Management Network (PMN), is an international electronic journal that publishes science-based, practitioner-oriented articles covering all aspects of applied health management in agriculture and horticulture. PMN is published by the [American Phytopathological Society](#) in cooperation with many [partners](#), including agribusinesses, agricultural universities, scientific societies, and other non-profit organizations. *Plant Health Progress* is a not-for-profit journal whose Editorial Board is appointed, approved, and administered by the American Phytopathological Society. After 12 months, all articles are accessible in the public archive section of the website (www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/php), thus expanding readership beyond those with subscriptions.

Plant Health Progress seeks to serve the plant health management profession by providing timely and relevant research information in an easily accessible format. It is a multidisciplinary science-based journal covering all aspects of applied plant health management in agriculture and horticulture. Both peer-reviewed and fully citable, the journal is a credible online-only publication. Articles for *Plant Health Progress* are subject to rigorous peer-review. With an average acceptance rate of 73% over the past five years, *Plant Health Progress* meets the scientific standard of other quality agricultural journals, while at the same time serving the end-user. *Plant Health Progress* is read by a diverse, international audience of plant health practitioners in public and private practice, as well as state, national, or international regulatory officials and public policy makers. Because of its online-only format, an indicator of impact is the number of visits and views of pages at the website. As reported by SurfStats, in 2014 *Plant Health Progress* had 279,233 visits by 130,621 unique visitors who viewed a total of 559,073 pages.

The impact of scientific journals can be estimated by several metrics. With its unique character, *Plant Health Progress* receives no impact factor rating from ISI Web of Science. However, the worth of the journal is apparent in (i) the editorial support from the American Phytopathological Society, (ii) partner support by 19 industry partners, 20 nonprofit scientific organizations, and 38 land-grant universities, (iii) a long-term acceptance rate of about 73% for peer-reviewed manuscripts, and (iv) the number of visits to the website of over 400,000 per year. Authors should be assured that *Plant Health Progress* is a valid and unique outlet for their results that reaches a large audience of both scientists and the practitioners who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the research.

Sincerely,

Pamela D. Roberts, Editor-in-Chief