

Lab Use Only Sample ID:



Free Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Egg Counts

The Illinois Soybean Association is funding free SCN egg counts for Illinois producers. For a free sampling kit email freeSCNtesting@illinois.edu.

You can also submit free SCN egg count samples by completing the form on the following page and submitting it with your sample.

How should I sample?

Samples should be collected at 6-12" of depth using a 1" diameter soil probe. We recommend collecting 10 cores for every 10 acres. Cores from a single field should be combined into a single plastic ziplock bag. More details on sampling can be found at the [SCN Coalition](#).

Soil samples need to be kept cool in the field and should not be left in a hot vehicle.

When should I sample?

Samples can be collected anytime. However, our interpretation of the results may vary depending on when sampling occurs.

How should samples be stored and shipped?

Soil samples need to be kept cool during transit. Shipping early in the week with an ice pack or dropping off samples in person is recommended. If samples cannot be shipped immediately after being taken, they should be kept cool (ideally in a refrigerator or at 40° F).

Why do we want the field location?

As part of our research, we are analyzing the distribution of SCN across the state. More detailed location will help in this analysis. Individual field data will not be shared outside of our research group.

Submit Samples To:

Nathan Schroeder
288 Edward R. Madigan Laboratory
1201 W. Gregory Dr.
Urbana, IL 61801

Samples must be received Sept. 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2026 to be included in this project.



Free Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Egg Testing Form

If you are submitting more than one free SCN egg count sample, please label each bag with a distinct field ID and list them on the table.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Field ID	Field location (GPS, county, or nearby town)	Most recent crop (if known)	Most recent soybean variety used (if known)

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