Soybean rust confirmed in Indiana—Kiersten Wise

Soybean rust was confirmed in Indiana on September 30th, on soybean leaves collected in southeast Posey county. The soybean field where rust was found was at R7 and rust was detected at very low levels. Pustules were observed on 14 out of 100 leaves. Severity was low, with 1-2 pustules on each infected leaf.

It is likely that soybean rust may be present at low levels in other areas in southern Indiana. However, the level of disease in Indiana is very low at this time, and the vast majority of the soybean crop is past the growth stage where economic damage from soybean rust infection would occur.

Currently there are NO spray advisories issued for soybean rust at this time in Indiana. If there are concerns about whether or not fungicide application is warranted in specific fields (extremely late planted double-crop soybeans) please contact me at kawise@purdue.edu, or by phone (765 496-2170) before applying fungicides for soybean rust control.

More information about soybean rust can be found on the Web at www.sbrusa.net.