

News Article

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You Are the Scout or the Doctor with Purdue Extension Apps

As we all begin another growing season in Indiana, residents may find some Purdue Extension smart phone or tablet apps quite handy. Most apps are available for either Android or iOS (unless noted) at the respective app stores for a small fee.

Farmers may find apps related to crops, scouting, and cover crops quite helpful.

The *Corn & Soybean Field Guide* is available as an iPad app of the popular pocket-size guide. This comprehensive, science-based app provides a range of information to help you effectively manage corn and soybean production. The app will feel familiar, yet surprise you with its new photos and features. It is not yet available for Android.

The *Corn Field Scout App* and *Soybean Field Scout App* are the perfect in-field references that take the popular *Corn & Soybean Field Guide* to the next level. Purdue University specialists created these comprehensive, science-based apps to help you effectively manage corn and soybean production.

The *Midwest Cover Crop Field Scout* app is a convenient, handy resource based on the pocket field guide. The app will help you effectively select, grow, and use cover crops in your farming systems.

Homeowners may find the Purdue Plant Doctor series apps quite helpful.

The *Purdue Turf Doctor* app was developed by experts at Purdue University to help homeowners and land managers diagnose and address turfgrass problems caused by a variety of factors including weeds, insects, diseases, nuisance animals, and abiotic stress. Turfgrass management professionals and garden center personnel can also use this app to improve communication with their customers.

The *Purdue Tomato Doctor* app helps gardeners identify, diagnose and manage insect, disease, and environmental problems on their tomatoes. The app contains almost 500 high quality images to help users throughout North America diagnose their most common (and uncommon) tomato problems.

The *Purdue Annual Doctor* app has been developed by experts at Purdue University to help people better identify and manage insect, disease, and environmental problems you find on annual bedding plants like geraniums, petunias, and zinnias, to name a few of the more than 60 commonly planted annual flowers. Landscape professionals and garden center personnel can use this app to improve communication with their customers.

The *Purdue Perennial Doctor* app has been developed by experts at Purdue University to help people better identify and manage insect, disease, and environmental problems they find on herbaceous, perennial landscape plants from anemone to yarrow, to name a few of the more than 100 commonly planted perennials in the Midwest. Landscape professionals and garden center personnel can use this app to improve communication with their customers.

The *Purdue Tree Doctor* app has been developed by experts at Purdue University to help people better identify and manage tree problems caused by a variety of factors, including insects and diseases. Landscape professionals, arborists, and garden center personnel can use this app to improve communication with their customers.

For more information on the apps, go to Purdue Extension's Education Store, www.edustore.purdue.edu.

Of course, local residents may also contact the Purdue Extension office for particular questions on crop or plant issues at 260-244-7615.