

# Soybean Scout School Goes Virtual

**JACKSON, TENN.**

If you want to hone your soybean scouting skills, it's now as easy as turning on a computer. The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture has partnered with the United Soybean Board/Soybean Checkoff and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board to create a Virtual Soybean Scout School. Currently the school consists of four brief video presentations, each led by UT Extension specialists, which can be viewed at <http://UTCrops.com>. The presentations focus on key areas of soybean scouting and include the following topics:

- Soybean Growth and Development: How to Stage Soybeans
- Identifying and Managing Weeds
- Insect Scouting
- Identifying and Managing Soybean Diseases

These classes cover much of the material presented at the traditional UT Soybean Scout Schools, which are offered at various locations

throughout the state during the summer. However with the virtual format, you can attend classes on your own schedule, check in anytime for additional review and submit questions through the UT Crops News Blog.

"With this online resource, producers and scouts now have more options when it comes to keeping informed of crop management issues," says Dr. Scott Stewart, UT Extension entomologist, "and the information is presented in a format that is easy to access on your own time."

Virtual Soybean Scout School can be found online at <http://www.UTCrops.com> as well as at <http://www.tnsoybeans.org>.

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture worked cooperatively with the United Soybean Board and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board using soybean checkoff dollars to produce this program in order to improve the profit potential for all Tennessee soybean farmers. Δ



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