





## Agronomy

Attendees of

learned new information to improve scouting and pest identification skills and strategies to reduce weed, insect, and disease pressure. Changes in these behaviors have improved crop quality and farm economics.

Winter and spring wheat, dry beans, and hop fields in Vermont, Massachusetts and New York were scouted for the

Pathogens were identified with the help of the Plant Diagnostic Clinic. Scouted farms have minimized pesticide applications or adopted new pest control strategies.

Farms were identified for and sent for testing using the embryo count method. Only one of four contaminated seed lots tested positive, indicating better testing methods are needed.