Crop scouting report

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Sample locations, findings, advice and the next scouting date. Fill in each field; the grey line under it says what goes there. A filled sample follows the blank form.

Field identity and visit

Locate this report within the grower's field history.

Grower

Use the account name and the intended recipient.

Field name and number

Pair the grower's field name with supplied agency identifiers.

Crop and hybrid or variety

Enter the crop, supplied hybrid or variety and known planting date.

Date and time on the field

Date the visit and retain arrival and departure times.

Weather at the visit

Describe conditions observed; identify the source and date of reported rainfall.

Scout

Name every scout who contributed observations.

The grower's immediate decision

Put the selected action or unresolved question in the opening summary.

How the field looks

State the main finding, where it applies, the selected action and the recheck.

Stand evidence and crop stage

Retain what was counted and how the crop was staged.

Growth stage

Name the observed crop stage, method and sample location.

Stand count (plants / acre)

Enter raw counts, measured areas and locations; name samples included in an average.

Scouting pattern and stops

Describe the route and distinguish routine stops from directed checks.

Located pest and disease findings

Use a row for each distinct observation and its decision criterion.

Problem	Where in the field	How much	Threshold used	Photo

Problem: Name the organism only as confidently as the identification allows.

Where in the field: Identify the stop and plant part, not just the field.

How much: Retain numerator and denominator, or measured sample area, with units.

Threshold used: Cite the actual publication and applicable conditions; leave unneeded thresholds blank.

Photo: Use an image ID the reader can match to the source file.

Advice, responsibility and return date

Make the follow-up usable without reconstructing the walk.

Recommendation

Attribute the recommendation and its source, timing and responsible person.

Action needed

☐ None ☐ Monitor ☐ Treat ☐ Call me

Select the status that agrees with the written recommendation.

Recheck date

Give the planned date and what needs checking then.

Signature

Date the reviewed report and identify the person signing it.

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SAMPLE · FICTIONAL FARM

Filled in for Willow Creek Farm, a made-up farm. Products and rates shown are examples, not a recommendation for your fields. Willow Creek Farm is a fictional 640-acre corn and soybean farm in central Iowa.

SAMPLE · Field identity and visit

Grower
Willow Creek Farm (Dana Holt)

Field name and number
North 80, FSA field 3

Crop and hybrid or variety
Corn, hybrid 112-day, planted May 2

Date and time on the field
July 18, 9:40 to 10:25

Weather at the visit
Sunny, 84 °F, wind SW 8 mph, 0.6 in rain on July 15

Scout
J. Ruiz

SAMPLE · The grower's immediate decision

How the field looks
Even stand at VT, good color. Gray leaf spot on the lower leaves in the low ground along the creek, below the ear leaf so far. No action today; recheck in 7 days.

SAMPLE · Stand evidence and crop stage

Growth stage
VT, a few plants at R1

Stand count (plants / acre)
32,333 (33, 32, 32 plants in three 1/1000-acre samples)

Scouting pattern and stops
W pattern, 6 stops, plus the creek bottom

SAMPLE · Located pest and disease findings

Problem	Where in the field	How much	Threshold used	Photo
Gray leaf spot	Stops 4 and 5, creek bottom; lower leaves	Lesions on 3 leaves below the ear, 20 % of plants	State extension fungicide guide at VT to R1	P1 to P3
Japanese beetle	Field edge by the road	Some silk clipping on edge rows	State extension guide (silk clipping during pollination)	P4
Waterhemp	Stop 2, sprayer skip	Patch about 30 by 10 ft, above the canopy	None; note for next season	P5

SAMPLE · Advice, responsibility and return date

Recommendation
No fungicide today. If lesions reach the ear leaf by the recheck, consider a fungicide at R1 to R2 on the creek bottom.

Action needed

☐ None ☒ Monitor ☐ Treat ☐ Call me

Recheck date
July 25

Signature
J. Ruiz, July 18