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New APS PRESS Book Teaches Practical Disease Management of Organic Crops

St. Paul, Minn (July 2015)—Disease management in organic cropping systems is a serious challenge. Growers must meet rigorous restrictions and management methods can vary depending on climate and topography.

Enter *Plant Diseases and Their Management in Organic Agriculture*. This one-of-a-kind book is a must for anyone involved in organics research, production, or regulation. This comprehensive, 402-page volume offers detailed information that helps users understand organic farming systems and their effects on plant diseases, nutrients, soil fertility management, habitat management, and diversification strategies.

International in scope, this new title offers solutions and perspectives from experts specializing in research and management of organic crops throughout the world, including North America, the West Indies, Europe, and Africa.

Plant Diseases and Their Management in Organic Agriculture is aligned into five key parts that collectively and fully address a “systems approach” to disease management of organic crops:

- Part one defines the many organic cropping terms, as well as global trends, regulations, and approaches to organic agriculture.
- Part two offers an overview of organic production methods, principles, and systems.
- Part three discusses the role of diseases in organic systems and how they are affected by the system itself.
- Part four covers the general approaches and methods used for plant disease management in organic agriculture.
- Part five lays out specific examples of crop-disease management applications for temperate and tropical crops.

Plant Diseases and Their Management in Organic Agriculture brings together decades of hands-on research and farming experience, as it was written by researchers and practitioners of organic plant protection.

The book serves as a practical reference for researchers and extension staff, as well as for farmers, consultants, and other practitioners involved in organic agriculture. It will become the ideal text for students of ecological agriculture and agroecology, particularly those who must understand how diseases impact organic crop production systems.

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