

FALL CORN DECOR THREATENS TEXAS FARMS

prompt & proper disposal required

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Fall corn decorations may be infested with a fungus that will not harm humans, but may put corn farmers' crops at risk
- Scientists have confirmed infected corn has been sold at multiple large retailers across Texas



APPEARANCE

- Circular black spots or "frog eye" appearing spots on corn husk
- May be flat with the leaf surface or slightly raised
- Within these spots are spores of the fungus, which are dormant

WHY IT MATTERS

- This fungus, called tar spot, poses no active threat to humans or animals
- The black circular spots on the plant have dormant fungus spores
- Eliminating this threat is crucial for the health of next year's corn farms



WHAT TO DO



- Dispose of infected plants immediately
 1. Place it in a heavy-duty trash bag
 2. Seal or tie it
 3. Throw it away.
 - *Disposal at your local landfill, through your municipal trash service*
- Do not use for compost, mulch, etc.

QUESTIONS?

Information gathered by [Texas Corn Producers](#) in collaboration with Kimberly Cochran, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist at Texas A&M University. Additional questions may be directed to info@texascorn.org.



Thanks for helping our farmers!

Bagged burial of the infested corn decorations will keep the dormant fungus from sporulating after winter and spreading to corn in the spring growing season.