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**Mizzou sends test soybeans to Vietnam**

Researchers at the University of Missouri at Columbia have sent to Vietnam 100 varieties of soybeans that grow in the state so they can be tested for resistance to Asian soybean rust.

David Sleper, professor of agronomy, said he has found natural resistance in some Missouri varieties to the highly destructive fungus that first was detected in the United States last fall after farmers had harvested most of their soybeans.

One test plot is in an open field. Another is in a structure under netting, with Missouri varieties planted in rows alternating with Vietnamese varieties.

The tests were arranged by Henry Nguyen, director of the National Soybean Biotechnology Center at Mizzou.