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Dec. 18, Mid- Ohio Valley Vegetable School. The school will be held at Washington State Community College, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio. [Click here for flyer with registration form and map.](#) For last minute details, call: 740-376-7431

Jan. 7, 2010. Muck Crops School. Moosehead Lodge, Willard, OH. Call Mike Gastier 419-668-8219, Extension Educator, Ag and Natural Resources for program and registration details. Email: gastier.3@osu.edu



OPGMA Jan. 18-20, Sandusky, OH

Congress

Though the economy is showing signs of improvement, you still need to be prudent with your money. One of the best values for your business and your employees is the 2010 OPGMA Congress. This **one-stop-shopping event** offers the best of both worlds: a world-class educational offering and a targeted trade show offering all the products you need to succeed.

If you go to just one event this year, make it the **2010 OPGMA Congress - It's all about you!**

Education for Everyone

This year, the **educational program has been expanded and targeted** to cover the hottest topics within each of eight tracks. Whether you grow vegetables, small fruit, or tree fruit; are a manager/owner looking for business tips; or wanting to learn about new technologies and products...there is a full-day educational track for you.

Just a few of topics in this year's offering:

- New & Innovative Small Fruit Crops
- Social Media: The Next Generation of Visibility
- Vegetable Disease, Insect & Weed Control
- How To Start A Good Family Fight!
- Irrigation Water Purity
- Making A Case For Diversifying Product Selection to Compliment Produce Sales

The program is on the OPGMA website, click the attendee button in the center OPGMA Congress box. Then press the full program button in the center education box. The direct link is http://www.opgma.org/sites/default/files/congress/2010/2010_program.pdf

Shop Much?

When it's time to make some purchases for your business, you need to make sure that you consider all the market has to offer. That's why a targeted trade show with a full range of products is so important. **The OPGMA Congress trade show is your best option.** Visit www.opgma.org for additional information.

OPGMA Congress Details

Location

The Congress will be held at the Kalahari Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio, www.kalahariresort.com.

Registration

Registration is open and can [quickly be completed online](#). **Significant savings are available to OPGMA members who pre-register by January 8, 2010.**

Full registration, one day, and trade show only are available, as well as discounts for educators and students.

Hotel Reservations

Attendees can make their own hotel reservations at 877-525-2427. For the special rate of \$108 reservations must be made **before Monday, December 28, 2009.**

Hotel reservations include up to four passes to the Kalahari Waterpark per room per overnight stay. Please ask for the Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers Association room block. Reservations made after this date will be accepted based on availability and may be at a higher rate.

Survey on Current Status of Grafted Vegetable for field and high tunnels.

Matt Kleinhenz

You are probably familiar with the increasing effort to enhance the utility of grafted vegetable plants to open-field and high tunnel farmers, including through coordinated and independent research and extension activities led by academics, federal personnel, farmers and other members of the industry.

Much has been learned through these activities but more information is required in order for farmers to take full advantage of grafted plants as a tool in their production of cucumber, cantaloupe/muskmelon, tomato, watermelon and, perhaps, other crops important in many areas, including the Great Lakes Region and Southeast, Southwest and South-central U.S.

A survey designed to elicit stakeholder feedback on the current status of vegetable grafting and research-outreach priorities is available online at the link below and in hard copy.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=X_2fpJN8L9JwaA90HxDdbQxQ_3d_3d

Three comments on the survey: 1) all input is anonymous, 2) summary results will be shared, and 3) feedback will have immediate benefits in that it will assist people in assessing the impact of their existing grafting-related efforts, the overall interest in grafting and stakeholder views on what should be done to make grafting more useful to vegetable growers.

I will be happy to provide with you hard copies of the survey or background information on vegetable grafting, including recent research results.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns about it. Matt Kleinhenz: kleinhenz.1@osu.edu phone:330-263-3810

Research Reports

The following 2009 research reports are available online at the VegNet website. More to come

- [2009 Updated Asparagus Cultivar Evaluation by Carl Cantaluppi from N.C. State University \[MS Word file\]](#)
- [2009 Green Pepper Germplasm Evaluation \[HTML file\]](#)
- [Pumpkin Cultivar Evaluation, 2009 plus pictures. \[HTML file\].](#)
- [Powdery Mildew Fungicide Insensitivity Evaluations on Pumpkin Leaves 2008](#)
- [2009 Northern Ohio Sweet Corn evaluation \[PDF file - need Acrobat reader\]](#)
- [Evaluation of Sweet Corn Varieties at Two Grower Locations in Ohio - 2009 with pictures.](#)

Don't forget the following from Univ. Of Illinois. Includes sweet corn variety reaction to Callisto and Laudis. See below.

2009 Sweet Corn Disease Resistance and Herbicide Sensitivity Ratings

A direct link is provided at the VegNet home page.