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Meetings: Produce Safety Begins at the Farm, GAPS

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March 27th at 10 :30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. at the Agricultural opportunities Conference on at Washington State Community College Colgate Drive, Marietta Ohio at 10:30 a.m. as part of an all day conference. Cost \$30.00 for the day's classes. 740-376-7431

April 5th at 6–8 p.m. at Clark County Extension Office Prime Ohio Corp Park 4400 Gateway Blvd. Suite 104 Springfield OH 937-328-4607. cost ?

April 15 at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Montgomery County Extension office Dayton OH 937-224-9654

Cover Crops Field Day NEW & EMERGING

March 31, 2010, ♦ 1:30pm to 3:00pm

[Cedar Meadow Farm, Holtwood, PA \(Lancaster County\)](#)

The winter survival critique! 30 species. Several mixtures, 3 planting dates last fall, over 75 plots in all! Plus acres of various cover crops to observe in the surrounding fields.

Dr. Ray Weil, University of Maryland plans to facilitate the observation of how the cover crops survived the winter. Dr. Weil has been doing cover crop research with his grad students for the past 15 years here at Cedar Meadow Farm. He has global knowledge and experience and is well respected among farmers for his practical approach to the use of cover crops. Dr. Weil has been cooperating with Cedar Meadow Farm for the past 9 years in the development of [Tillage Radish](#) ♦—one of the fastest growing new cover crops ever to hit the market.

Test your knowledge of cover crop seed identification. Winner gets a 50lb bag of Tillage Radish ♦!

Preliminary observations show that early planted clovers survived while vetches planted at the same time have winter-killed. How does this affect selection of covers? A new oat variety is greening up! Observe how tillage radish ♦ controls winter annual weeds. See 15 acres of a cover crop cocktail of 9 species. Also, check out a small plot of cereal rye that was broadcast seeded into soybeans just before leaf drop.

[Click here for a complete listing of all cover crop species, directions, and a few pictures](#)

The event is free and there is no registration

Please forward to those who may also be interested in this event!

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For Your Viewing Pleasure

Two new video blogs have been posted at the VegNet website: <http://vegnet.osu.edu>

1. Pumpkins for 2010

Still undecided as to what pumpkins to plant for this season, check out some of the new pumpkins we had in the 2009 trial to help make your decision.

2. Topping Sweet Corn

Have you tried this? Want to improve your sweet corn? Check out this short video

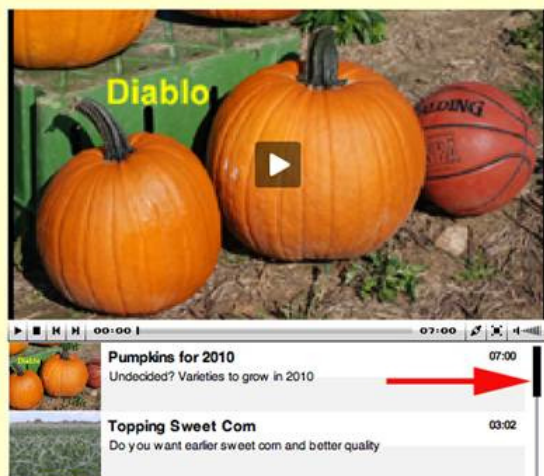
Use the black button or bar on the right side to scroll down (see Red arrow) to see any of the previous videos from last year.

★ Bob's Video Vegetable Notes

Check out our new videos above

Use the scroll bar on the right of the player list to see all the videos available!

For high speed internet connections ONLY. Do not use dial up connections.



Be sure to check out some of the following as well from the eExtension website:

Video: ♦Vegetable Farmers and their Weed Control Machines

Nine farmers from 3 northeastern states describe their tools for weed management from cultivation to flaming.

Bob Gray, Four Corners Farm. Newbury, VT

- [Custom Field Cultivator](#)
- [Lilliston Rolling Cultivator](#)
- [Sweeps on Four Corners Farm](#)
- [Budding In-Row Weeder](#)

John Arena Jr., Arena Farms. Concord, MA.

- [Custom Cultivator for Plastic Edges](#)

Tim Taylor, Crossroad Farm. Fairlee, VT.

- [Rotary Hoe](#)
- [Budding Basket Weeder](#)
- [Batwing Shovels](#)
- [Perfecta Field Cultivator](#)

Chuck Armstrong, Fiddlehead Farm. Brownsville, VT.

- [Lely Spring-Tine Weeder](#)
- [Bezzarides Cultivator](#)

Lockwood 'Pooh' Sprague, Edgewater Farm. Plainfield, NH.

- [Lely Spring-Tine Weeder](#)
- [Budding Basket Weeder](#)
- [Sweeps on Edgewater Farm](#)

Gary Gemme, Harvest Farm. Whately, MA.

- [Budding Basket Weeder](#)
- [Sweeps on Harvest Farm](#)

Tom Harlow, Kestrel Farm. Westminster, VT.

- [Custom-made Flame Weeder](#)
- [Roller for Stale Seedbed](#)

Steve and Ray Mong, Applefield Farm. Stow, MA.

- [Bezzarides Cultivator](#)
- [Flame Weeder](#)

Jake Guest, Killdeer Farm. Norwich, VT.

- [Backpack Flame Weeder](#)
- [Tractor-drawn Flame Weeder](#)

Source:

Vegetable farmers and their weed-control machines [DVD]. V. Grubinger and M.J. Else. 1996. University of Vermont Extension. Available for purchase at <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/Videos/weedvideo.htm> (verified 31 Dec 2008).

