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## Report Bird Damage in Sweet Corn

Bird damage in sweet corn continues to be a major problem for many sweet corn growers and an increasing problem on many farms. It is imperative that you report your problems to Jeff Pelc, who is a wildlife biologist with the USDA. He realizes that there is a problem and they are in a position to do something about it, but they are not receiving the complaints from farms like they were before and they have not received actual damage figures from farmers. If farmers would contact him about their bird problems and give him damage estimates that can be substantiated, he will continue to work on a solution. It is very important for sweet corn growers to contact Jeff in order explain to him what is going on with the bird damage to their crops. His address is:

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## SWEET CORN HYBRID DISEASE RESISTANCE REPORT ♦ 2010

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Sweet corn hybrids have been evaluated for their reactions to prevalent diseases in nurseries at the University of Illinois for 27 consecutive years. Results of the 27th annual University of Illinois sweet corn hybrid disease nursery are now available at the UI sweet corn disease nursery web site: :

[www.sweetcorn.illinois.edu](http://www.sweetcorn.illinois.edu) ♦ This report summarizes the reactions of 439 sweet corn hybrids evaluated for three races of common rust, two races of northern leaf blight, Stewart's wilt, maize dwarf mosaic caused by MDMV-A and SCMV, southern leaf blight, and two P450-metabolized post-emergence herbicides, Accent and Capreno.

The site includes the report for the annual 2010 nursery as a Word file or as a pdf. The web site also includes an Excel file of the reactions and ratings for all hybrids in the 2010 nursery.

An up-dated summary of hybrid reactions in UI disease nurseries from 1984 to 2010 also is available at the disease nursery web site by clicking on the link to ♦Summary of Hybrid Reactions: 1984 to 2010♦. The summary includes reactions of 800 hybrids to eight disease and three herbicides. Word, pdf and Excel files are also available for the summary.

For growers without internet access, contact me and I can mail you a hard copy. Bob Precheur, 2001 Fyffe Ct, Columbus, OH 43210. Reports are too large to fax.

## Some Sweet Corn Varieties to Try in 2011

Check out my new video in ♦Bob's Vegetable Video Notes♦ where I show some highlights from the sweet corn trials on grower's farms this past summer <http://vegnet.osu.edu> These are worthy of a trial on your farm next year. A more extensive report with yield data and ear characteristics will be coming in the near future.



Also, don't forget to look for the Northern Ohio Sweet Corn Trial report by Mark Koenig which is a much more extensive trial with evaluation of many varieties. It is usually available in late fall and we will notify you here in the newsletter when it is published.

## PRIVATE APPLICATOR CATEGORY CHANGES

