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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: : <a href="https://www.sweetcorn.illinois.edu.">www.sweetcorn.illinois.edu.</a> This report summarizes the reactions of 439 sweet corn hybrids evaluated for three races of common rust, two races of northern leaf blight, Stewart swilt, maize dwarf mosaic caused by MDMV-A and SCMV, southern leaf blight, and two P450-metabolized post-emergence herbicides, Accent and Capreno.

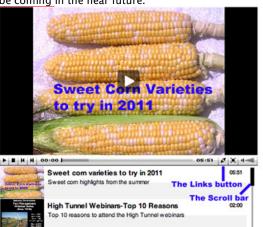
The site includes the report for the annual 2010 nursery as a Word file or as a pdf. The web site also includes an Excel file of the reactions and ratings for all hybrids in the 2010 nursery.

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 \$\Display\$. 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 \( \theta \text{Bob} \( \theta \text{Sougetable Video Notes} \( \theta \text{where I show some highlights from the sweet corn trials on grower} \( \theta \text{ farms this past summer \( \text{http://vegnet.osu.edu} \) 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 to 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.

From October PEP-Talk by Cindy Folck

This fall, Ohio private pesticide applicators will receive a new license showing a change in categories. A pesticide license is required for farmers who use restricted-use pesticides in their farming operation.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has simplified the categories for private applicators. The change will mean fewer exams for new applicators and many current license holders will have fewer categories for recertification.

The simplification undertaken by ODA has reduced the number of licensing categories from 13 to only seven. This consolidation reflects the changing needs of Ohio farming operations. Several smaller-use categories have been combined for applicators. For example, growers who raise produce will now only need one category for fruit and vegetable crops. The new categories for a private license are:

Category 1: Grain and Cereal Crops Category 2: Forage Crops & Livestock Category 3: Fruit & Vegetable Crops Category 4: Nursery & Forestry Crops Category 5: Greenhouse Crops Category 6: Fumination

Category 7: Specialty Uses

Some applicators will have fewer categories on their license, but will still be able to purchase and use the same pesticide products. The specialty categories of seed treatment, non-cropland, aquatics, tobacco and wood preservation were consolidated into the first six categories. This means an applicator would be able to purchase materials for these applications with at least one category on their license. For example, an applicator with Category 1 (Grain and Cereal Crops) on their license will still be able to purchase products for grain crops but also be able to buy products to treat seed and manage stored grain, non-crop areas and ponds on their farm. Tobacco and wood preservation also were consolidated.

Category 7 represents specialty uses. This category is only for applicators that do not have the first six categories on their license. An example would be someone who only does wood preservation on lumber and does not need any other crop categories. Their license would reflect this by only having Category 7. If an applicator has any other category on their license, they do not need Category 7.

The Core category, which covers safety and stewardship for pesticide use, remains unchanged and is required for all applicators. If applicators have questions, they can contact their local OSU Extension Educator. More detailed information about the new categories is also available at the Pesticide Safety Education Program website: <a href="http://pesticide.osu.edu/private.html">http://pesticide.osu.edu/private.html</a> or the ODA website at: <a href="http://pesticide.osu.edu/private.html">http://pesticide.osu.edu/private.html</a> or <a hr

#### WINTER COMMERCIAL RECERTIFICATION CONFERENCES

The Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Conferences have been scheduled. This year the field crops conference has been combined with the general conferences. ALL commercial categories will be offered at each location. The dates and locations are:

January 11, 2011 � Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

February 16, 2011 ◆Dayton Convention Center March 2, 2011 ◆ Akron, John S. Knight Center March 9, 2011 ◆ Columbus Convention Center

The cost will be \$75 for the conference. Registration information is posted on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at <a href="http://pested.osu.edu">http://pested.osu.edu</a>. Conference brochures will be mailed to licensed applicators soon.

## Season Extension and High Tunnel Webinar Series Reminder

Nov. 1, 3 & 8, 6:30 to 8:30 EST Nov. 16 & 18, 1 to 2 PM EST

Pre-registration for this webinar series is mandatory and can be found at <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/season\_ext">http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/season\_ext</a>. The cost for the series is \$30 whether you attend one or all five webinars.

See VegNet newsletter #15 for the complete program: http://vegnet.osu.edu/news/currentvn1510.htm

### Top 10 Reasons to attend:

David Letterman maybe the king of Late Night but Jim Jasinski owns Daytime extension. Watch him give his Top 10 Reasons why you should attend the season extension webinars. Watch him on:

You Tube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJzkl3GolB0

◆or the VegNet website: <a href="http://vegnet.osu.edu">http://vegnet.osu.edu</a> Or listen to him here <a href="http://vegnet.osu.edu/news/ht10r.mp3">http://vegnet.osu.edu/news/ht10r.mp3</a>

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