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1. Season Extension Webinars

#### What is a Webinar?

An interactive seminar (usually a live presentation) conducted via the world-wide web used to conduct live meetings, training, or presentations via the Internet. In a web conference, each participant sits at his or her own computer and is connected to other participants via the internet.

#### Season Extension and High Tunnel Webinar Series Offered

Learn more about pest management in season extension production systems such as high tunnels by registering for a new webinar series sponsored by the Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group, the University of Illinois Extension, and a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Professional Development grant. There will be five 1–2 hour webinars produced on November 1st, 3rd, 8th, 16th, and 18th. The first three webinars will focus on an introduction to pest management in various season extension systems, focusing on tomatoes and winter crops. The last two webinars will be geared toward soil, water, and nutrient management, plus a summary of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) high tunnel pilot project initiated in 2010.

Why consider participating in the season extension and high tunnel production webinar series? Pest complexes in season extension production systems like high tunnels are different than field grown fruits and vegetables, and an understanding of that difference is needed to capitalize on early and late season markets. High-tunnel production can lengthen the growing season and provide producers with a means to enter the market earlier with high value crops. In addition, in several states the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing monetary incentives and assistance through EQIP to growers who use high tunnel production systems. Like Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan says The adoption of growing crops using high tunnels provides Pgreat potential To expand the availability of healthy, locally-grown crops To expand the availability of healthy locally-grown crops To expand the availability o

Webinar 1 - Introduction to Pest Management for Season Extension [GLVWG]

Nov. 1, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm EST (5:30-7:30 pm CST)

Topic	Speaker	Time (min)
Overview of Season Extension Methods, pros and cons of getting into season extension: low tunnels, row covers, high tunnels, greenhouses, extended storage, and basic economics	Bill LaMont - Penn State University	30
Basic pest management considerations of insects & mites in High Tunnels	Judson Reid - Cornell University	30
Basic pest management considerations of diseases in High Tunnels.	Meg McGrath - Cornell University	30
Basic pest management considerations of weeds in High Tunnels	Brad Bergefurd - Ohio State University	30

# Webinar 2 - Pest management of Tomatoes in High Tunnels [GLVWG]

Nov. 3, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm EST (5:30-7:30 pm CST)

Topic	Speaker	Time (min)
Overview of tomato and other solanaceous crop production systems: multi-bay 3-season tunnels (ie haygrove), simple hoophouse, greenhouses, in-ground, containers, varieties, and economics.	Matt Kleinhenz - Ohio State University	40
Pest and mite management in High Tunnels, including cultural controls, pesticide use, biocontrols, and organic methods.	Shubin Saha - Purdue University	40
Disease management in High Tunnels, including cultural controls, pesticide use, grafting, and organic methods.	Sally Miller - Ohio State University	40

## Webinar 3 - Pest Management in Winter Crops [GLVWG]

Nov. 8, 2010 6:30-8:30 pm EST (5:30-7:30 pm CST)

Topic	Speaker	Time (min)
Overview of winter crops production systems: simple hoophouse, greenhouse, in-ground, in container, row covers, low tunnels, sanitation, plastic management, production sequence, economics, & crop selection. Presentation handout not available yet	Adam Montri - Michigan State University	50

Pest and mite management in High Tunnels, including cultural controls, pesticide use, biocontrols, and organic methods.	Judson Reid - Cornell University	25
Disease management for winter crops in High Tunnels, including cultural controls, pesticide use, and organic methods	Ann Hazelrigg - University of Vermont	25
Vegetable storage management.	Matt Kleinhenz - Ohio State University	20

#### Webinar 4 Nutrition, Water, and Soil Management in High Tunnels [U of IL]

Nov. 16, 2010 1-2 pm EST (noon-1 pm CST. NOTE TIME CHANGE-Brown bag lunch seminar)

Topic	Speaker	Time (min)
Management of nutrients, water, soil, and other	Mike Orzolek - Penn State	60
production considerations in high tunnels.	University	

### Webinar 5 ♦ Interpreting NRCS High Tunnel Project Guidelines [U of IL]

Nov. 18, 2010 1-2 pm EST (noon-1 pm CST)

Topic	Speaker	Time (min)
Education of Extension staff, NRCS staff, and growers	Ruth Book, State	60
on guidelines pertaining to high tunnel production	Conservation Engineer, NRCS;	
pilot project.	Ivan Dozier, Assistant State	
	Conservationist NRCS;	
	Brett Roberts, State	
	Agronomist, NRCS	

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.

Please note that webinars 1, 2, 3 will be held at 6:30-8:30 pm EST (5:30-7:30 pm CST) and that webinars 4 & 5 will be held at 1-2 pm EST (noon • 1 pm CST).

Want to participate in the webinar series with a group of growers or don't have access to broadband connection? Click here to see if there is an Extension or University host site near you. Host Sites Listed by State. If you don't see a site near you, email your State Captain listed, and they will try to find a site near you. Check back frequently if you don't see one; sites may be added at a later date

Each webinar will be recorded and available on several state IPM or vegetable oriented websites for viewing soon after its original airdate.

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