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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. ♦ 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 ♦ great potential ♦ ♦ to expand the availability of healthy, locally-grown crops ♦ ♦ ♦

**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

