



## The Ohio State University Extension Vegetable Crops

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### **Southern Ohio Crop Report** – *Brad Bergefurd, OSU Extension & South Centers*

Many areas received needed rainfall over the past weekend for some areas it may be too late. Growers have been irrigating for the past 3 weeks due to a lack of rainfall. Areas received from 1 to 4 inches of rain over last Friday and Saturday night. Harvest gaps are being experienced with sweet corn, cucumbers, summer squash, beans, melons and zucchini as the season begins to wind down. Pumpkin harvest is in full swing with split sets being reported. Some fields are all orange whereas some fields have a fair amount of green immature fruit. Downy Mildew disease is still severe in all vine crops and late blight disease in tomato and potato. Demand and prices for all produce remains VERY strong with higher than normal prices being reported at area produce auctions. Tomato supply continues to be tight due to many fields being lost to an assortment of diseases the past month. Pickle harvest continues with some late planting in full bloom and just setting fruit.

High tunnel plantings of fall and winter crops such as carrots, greens, and lettuce continues. Sweet corn harvest continues with harvest gaps being experienced as the season winds down. Harvest of green beans continue with very high demand especially for half runner beans which still are running \$50 to \$60 dollars a bushel wholesale at area produce auctions. Harvest of fall squash is in full swing with good demand reported.

Fields are being chisel and moldboard plowed and seeding of cover crops is

underway. Soil samples are being pulled and fertilizer and lime applications being made. Plastic mulch and drip irrigation lines are being pulled and cleaned up.

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### **VegNet Website Re-Launched** – *Jim Jasinski, OSU Extension, IPM Program*

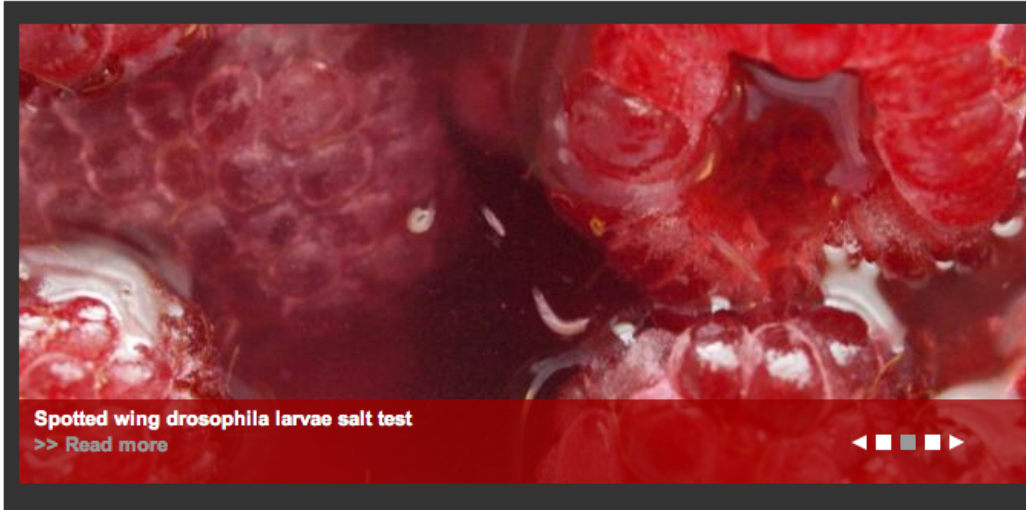
After taking most of the growing season to complete, the VegNet website (<http://vegnet.osu.edu>) is up and running after undergoing a University wide rebranding initiative. The new home page includes scrolling pictures at the top of the page with major categories such as:

- Current news stories
- The VegNet newsletter (current and archived editions)
- A crop production section including budgets, markets, pollination, cover crops, and post harvest information
- The Midwest Vegetable Crop Management Guide
- A pest management section including information on insects, diseases, weeds, variety trials, trap reports, and high tunnels
- A photo gallery of common pests (currently be worked on)
- A Youtube linked video gallery of various specialty crop and IPM topics
- A section listing all the vegetable team members
- Key programs addressing vegetable production issues in Ohio
- An events calendar

We are still migrating some information from the old VegNet to the new website and adding content to new sections, so the site will only get better with time. Please take some time and look around at what we have posted so far. We invite you to send any comments about the new website or missing content that should be added to me at [jasinski.4@osu.edu](mailto:jasinski.4@osu.edu).



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### Recent News

#### [Spotted Wing Drosophila Detected](#)

Spotted Wing Drosophila Detected – Jim Jasinski, OSU Extension IPM Program, Celeste Welty, Dept. of Entomology. Spotted wing drosophila (SWD) flies were detected in apple cider vinegar baited traps at two berry farms on July 3rd, in Clinton and Greene counties. This new species...

#### [Tomato Blight in Wayne County, Ohio](#)

### Upcoming Events

There are currently no upcoming events.

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## Final Edition Comments

This is the final VegNet newsletter for 2013. On behalf of all the OSU specialists and Extension educators who contributed articles from spring through fall, we hope you had a successful growing season. It is our goal that the information contained in this newsletter enhanced your awareness of key topics and helped you better manage your crops and pests.

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