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The remnants from hurricane Isabel will pass by parts of this region by late Saturday. Growers and operations should pay attention to local forecasts later in the week. The center of the storm is expected to cross the OH and PA border on Saturday. The National Weather Service predicts 1 to 2 inches of rain will fall over the OH and PA border. The storm will move into NY state. At this point, mostly the eastern half of OH will be affected by the storm. Rainfall amounts will be greater in the eastern part of the state to 1 to 2 inches in eastern OH. Rainfall amounts will be greater in the eastern part of the state to 1 to 2 inches in eastern OH.



Managing Liability for Fruit and Vegetable Growers **Initiative Sponsors November 14** **By**

The Ohio Specialty Crop Food Safety Initiative (Initiative) is sponsoring its annual meeting on November 14 in Columbus, Ohio at the Marriott North Hotel. The workshop will focus on risk management and liability for growers.

**shippers to increase the marketability and safety of their produce. While th
of fresh fruits and vegetables, it is best to prepare should such contaminati**

**Mary Donnell, Extension Agent, Ohio State University Extension Agriculture
that topics will include developing crisis management plans, understanding
recall system and exploring options in product liability insurance.**

**The featured presenter is Gil Meyer, Director, Issues and Program Manag
serving as crisis coordinator. Meyer also serves on the executive committee
organization of the food industry and conducts workshops on crisis manag**

**Additional presenters include Paul Panico, Chief, Division of Food Safety, C
Executive Director, Mid American Ag and Hort Services; Martha Filipic, T
University Extension; Dr. Shari Plimpton, Program Manager, Industry Ou
Loss Control Manager and Christal Leggett, Custom Accounts Underwrite**

**The workshop fee of \$40 includes a continental breakfast, lunch, workshop
100. Growers, packers and shippers from Ohio and other states as well as p
shippers are welcome to register. November 10 is the workshop registrati
Complete workshop information is available by contacting Jennifer Hunge
www.midamservices.org and clicking on "projects."**

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and Hort Services and the Center for Innovative Food Technology and is fi
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New Univ. of CA book offers tips for

A new book published by the University of California Agricultural Issues Center shows that farm supervisors can cultivate greater productivity and reduce turnover among farm workers. *Cultivating Personnel Productivity*, second edition, author Gregory Encina discusses how to improve farm worker performance.

"When it comes to profitability, there are many factors that farmers have to consider," said Billikopf, a University of California labor-management farm advisor. "Productivity, however, is associated with their employees."

Labor Management in Agriculture covers such topics as the use of practical management techniques (such as minimum wage rates), the advantages and disadvantages of different pay structures, performance evaluation, and more. The book focuses on management and supervision techniques rather than on the legal rights of farm employees.

The publication is available in English (2nd Edition, 248 pp.) and Spanish (2nd Edition, 248 pp., 10 chapters and more than 100 photos). This edition contains a new chapter on the latest results in personnel management research. The book can also be purchased at <http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/ucce50/ag-labor/>

Billikopf, who is based in Stanislaus County, has been a labor management expert and frequent national and international speaker on farm labor management.

Labor Management in Agriculture (in English or Spanish) costs \$12.50 plus shipping. Contact the UC Cooperative Extension office in Stanislaus County. For more information, contact eresendez@ucdavis.edu



What's New At The VegNet Web Site

■ Problem Of The Week

A pictorial comparison of Squash Vine borer damage and Bacterial Wilt in pumpkins. While the symptoms are similar, there are some key differences.

Check it out. Click on the 'Problem of the Week' button of the left side.

■ VegNet Vegetable Schools

A series of slide presentations are now available in order to update you on the latest pumpkin and sweet corn research. We begin with 6 pumpkin topics in Pumpkins 101 and have 10 slide presentations available in Sweet Corn 101. In sweet corn. Powerpoint presentations and html online slide shows are available now. Go to the VegNet homepage.

Pumpkins 101The use of trap crops and Admire for cucumber beetle control and New varieties for 2001. We have presentations on cover crops for disease control and pumpkin

fungicide use.

Perimeter Trap Cropping. Online html slide show | Perimeter Trap Cropping. PPT, 7 Mbytes See also the **Research Results** section on the home page for text version of the report.

Sweet Corn 101 Presently only Powerpoint presentations available. **Coming Soon: Online HTML slide shows. Check back often** Nine topics including:

Aspects of Variety Selection based on Disease Control [ppt 40 KB]

Internet Link To "Reactions of Sweet Corn Hybrids to Prevalent Diseases" Dr. Jerald Pataky
www.sweetcorn.uiuc.edu

Producing Early Sweet Corn [ppt 3.5 Mbytes]

Managing Weeds in Sweet Corn [ppt, 9 Mbytes]

Sweet Corn Herbicides & Variety Sensitivity. [ppt 2Mbytes]

Sweet Corn Development and Critical Periods for Irrigation Management [ppt 1.6 Mbytes]

Flea Beetle Management in Sweet Corn [ppt 510 KB]

How To Keep Worms Out of Sweet Corn Ears [ppt 8.3 Mbytes]

Role of Bt Transgenic Hybrids in Sweet Corn Pest Management. [ppt 21.2 Mbytes]
Bt Sweet Corn Efficacy in OH, 1999-2000 [ppt, 208 KB]



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