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**Crop Report** By Ron Becker, Wayne County Report 10-11-06

Harvest is continuing in the field for peppers, sweet corn, zucchini, cucumbers and fall crops such as pumpkins, gourds, winter squash and Indian Corn. In high tunnels, tomatoes are still being harvested and some growers are giving thought to putting in lettuce. The quality of pumpkins has been very good with little rot either in the field or short term storage. What problems are being found in pumpkins and winter squash are symptoms from viruses (bumpy fruit or rings on the fruit). Downy mildew is causing problems in some late plantings of cauliflower. Fall planted cauliflower is also tending to be 1-2 weeks behind in development. In some cases this has been due to late planting. But in other fields that were planted the same time as in previous years, development has been slower than normal.

**University of Illinois 2006 Sweet Corn Hybrid Disease Nursery Report** by Dr. Jerald K. Pataky et al. Univ. of Il, Dept. of Crop Sciences, 1102 S. Goodwin Ave. Urbana, IL  
The 2006 UI sweet corn hybrid disease nursery report is now available [PDF file] and includes reactions of 379 hybrids to Stewart's wilt, NLB, common rust (D and G virulent isolates), MDM, SLB, southern rust, and Callisto and Accent herbicides.

Also, an Excel file of Table 3 from the report is available as you may wish to sort through the 379 hybrids in the 2006 trials. These reports also are available at the UI sweet corn pathology web site: [www.sweetcorn.uiuc.edu](http://www.sweetcorn.uiuc.edu)

I have them also available for downloading at the VegNet website:<http://vegnet.osu.edu>

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## **Mid American Ag and Hort Human Resource Conference Slated for January 15** By John Wargowsky

Agricultural and horticultural employers will have an opportunity to focus on human resource issues during a conference sponsored by Mid American Ag and Hort Services (MAAHS).

The organization is holding its second Mid American Ag and Hort Human Resource Conference along with its sixth Annual Meeting. The conference will be held Jan. 15, 2007 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Ohio. It will cover topics such as advanced recruiting strategies, labor and immigration compliance issue update, worker safety and workforce development

"People are a critical resource for agricultural and horticultural businesses," said John Wargowsky, MAAHS executive director. "This conference provides a great opportunity for employers from all sectors of agriculture and horticulture to share ideas on the working with the people in their businesses."

Presentations include the following.

9:00–11:50 AM – Experienced Supervisor Hiring Workshop  
Bernie Erven of Erven HR Services, LLC 10:30– 11:50 AM Whats  
New with Labor and Immigration Compliance?  
John Wargowsky, Executive Director, Mid American Ag and Hort  
Services, Inc. 12:00–1:30 PM Mid American Ag and Hort Services,  
Inc. Sixth Annual Meeting and Luncheon  
Mike Adolph, President and John Wargowsky, Executive Director  
1:45–2:45 PM – Business Networking and Developing Career  
Ladders  
Dave Boulay – Management Specialist, Ohio State University South  
Centers 3:00– 4:30 PM Developing a Safety Recipe John  
Wargowsky

The MAAHS conference is being held in conjunction with the Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers Congress, Ohio Direct Agricultural Marketing Conference and National Bramble Conference, which runs January 15 to 17. Members of MAAHS, Ohio Fruit Growers Society, Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Society, North American Bramble Growers Association and Ohio Direct Agricultural

Marketing Association are entitled to member pricing for the combined conference. Member pricing starts as low as \$65 for members who register by January 4.

Those wanting to attend the human resource conference only should register with MAAHS at [www.midamservices.org](http://www.midamservices.org), [maahs@ofbf.org](mailto:maahs@ofbf.org) or 614-246-8286. To register for multiple days of the combined conference visit [www.ohiofruit.org](http://www.ohiofruit.org), call 614-246-8292 or e-mail [growohio@ofbf.org](mailto:growohio@ofbf.org)