

Crop Reports

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NorthCentral

More than 4.5 inches of rain fell on the Celeryville muck Monday and Tuesday the 24th and 25th, the area's 3rd or 4th flooding rain this season. Other areas of northern Ohio saw more than 8 inches from the two days of rain. A brief period of pea-sized hail was seen at the Muck Crops Branch Monday morning. The ground was dry before the rain and handled Monday's rain well. By Tuesday morning, however, the ground began to flood seriously. Crops and basements have suffered. Some wind damage to leaf goods also occurred. Winter squash and pumpkin growers have also been hit hard by the water and will have to be diligent and lucky to maintain fruit quality into and through harvest. Phytophthora will likely be a significant pre and postharvest problem with this year's squashes due to this rain. Corn earworm (CEW) numbers have increased substantially over the last few days at the Muck Crops Branch, while European corn borer (ECB) numbers had declined to near zero only to increase again Wednesday a.m. to 33 for a 1 day count. Aphids, whiteflies, and onion thrips continue to be seen.

SouthEast

Continued dry weather affecting remaining vegetable crops. Visible cracks are seen in fields as scattered rains are just dampening the soil surface. The Majority of the tomato fields are now plowed under and many are sown to cover crops. Sudan grass, sown into early bearing fields by late July is now 6-12 inches high and seems unaffected by the dry soil.

Third flight of European corn borer moths continues to increase with 74 moths caught Friday Aug. 21 in helio trap and on Tuesday Aug. 24, an additional 187 moths were collected, the most seen in 6 years of collecting. Insect Trap Report: CEW= 20, this week, previous week=-15 moths

Southeast agents Jim Barrett and Hal Kneen toured 5 roadside markets in south central OH and found many local grower products from their region being sold. Farm marketers were looking for more locally grown vegetables and fruits but did not know how to reach smaller growers. Possible opportunity exists to match growers to marketers. Consistent quality, quantity and reliability of delivery is needed. The average customer spent 8-10 dollars per farm visit in August. Hottest items were sweet corn and melons. Results of farm visits presented an annual winter meeting, Dec.10, 1998

TOMCAST Report

Disease Severity Value (DSV) Hotline -1-800-228-2905

Jim Jasinski

What's New At The VegNet Web Site

In The Pumpkin Patch, JULY 1998, My Pumpkins Are Bigger Than Yours Returns, See:
Bacterial Wilt, Angular Leaf Spot and Crop Status.

Visit: "The Problem of The Week" For Pictures of...

Septoria Leaf Blight and Phytophthora Blight of Tomato.

Angular Leaf Spot, Buckeye Rot and Phytophthora Blight of Cucurbits.

Timber Rot and Hail Damage.

The Meigs /Washington Vegetable Tour from SE Ohio, (Sweet corn, tomatoes + peppers)

Check Out the New Look of the Tomcast Section (requires your browser to be able to view frames.)

+ A New Tomato Research Report by C. A. Wyenandt, R. M. Riedel, M. Bennett and C. Welty.

From The Vegetable Crops Planner: Links now provided to the National Weather Service Offices in Cleveland and Wilmington, OH. Provides Agricultural Observations, soil temperatures, climate summaries, growing degree days and much more.

1998 Ohio Vegetable Production Guide - Online. Visit: "The Library

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