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Early Crop has Sweet Corn Growers Pickin' and Grinnin'
Eric Barrett from Ag Answers

Sweet corn production in southern Ohio is early this year, about 10 days ahead of schedule and two to three weeks earlier than the rest of the state.

Eric Barrett, an Ohio State University Extension agent in Marietta, Ohio, said the unusually hot weather before Easter helped boost crop production.

"Despite the cool, wet weather in March, the crop has been doing great and production has kept well ahead of schedule," Barrett said.

Growers in southern Ohio planted sweet corn around April 1. Sweet corn harvest normally begins just after July 4 but some farmers, like Jerry Witten of Witten Farms in Muskingum River Valley, are harvesting crop already.

Witten said he began picking large numbers of ears on June 25.

"This is the earliest I've seen sweet corn ready for harvest in quite a few years," he said.

Sweet corn lovers should find plenty of the delicious ears available in the days ahead, Barrett said.

"Many people in northern Ohio are still buying their sweet corn from Florida," he said. "We want them to know that sweet corn grown locally is now available."

Public Involvement in EPA Decisions A National Dialogue Via the Internet
From: Joanne Kick-Raack, Pesticide Education Programs

From July 10 - July 20, 2001 EPA is convening an online public discussion on improving public involvement in EPA decision-making. The Dialogue will be based on the EPA's newly drafted Public Involvement Policy. Join interested citizens, representatives of industry, environmental groups, small businesses, states, local governments, tribes, and other groups to learn more about the draft policy and to share your thoughts and concerns regarding how EPA should implement this policy.

To learn more about the Dialogue and to register to participate visit the Dialogue Web site at: <http://www.network-democracy.org/epa-pip>

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Crop Reports
Hal Kneen

SOUTHEAST

July 2:

Tomatoes and sweet corn being harvested for regional farm markets and vendors. Excellent eating quality corn, though ears are a little short. Few insect damaged ears. Have caught very few European corn borer or corn earworm in helio traps. Scattered rainfall has continued the need for irrigation on all crops. Fungicide and insecticide spray programs are controlling pest outbreaks.

From June 25:

Scattered rains have helped some vegetable growers, however irrigation has been needed in some dryer areas lacking extended rains, especially on ripening sweet corn. Sweet corn under bare ground situations will be ready for the 4th of July. Tomatoes are slowly ripening and a few hundred 5 and 10 pound boxes are being picked for local markets.

Pumpkins are up and cucumber beetles are quickly finding them. Pumpkins up within 36 hours and thundershowers kept a couple growers from applying herbicides. What can they do other than hoe or cultivate?

Muskmelons and watermelons are growing by leaps and bounds with good fruit set. Fields with early transplants due have quite a few misses however seeded fields look good. Last of the sweet corn and tomato transplants got in the ground this week.

MOTH TRAP REPORTS (~6/26 to 7/3)

C. Welty

corn earworm, pheromone trap

Meigs County (Racine): 1 (same as last week)

Highland County (Hillsboro): 1 (up from 0 last week)

Franklin County (Columbus): 0 (same as last week)

Medina County: 0 (same as last week)

Summit County: 0 (same as last week)

Sandusky County (Fremont-South): 3 (same as last week)

Sandusky County (Fremont-West): 1 (down from 2 last week)

Wood County (Hoytville): 0 (same as last week)

European corn borer, pheromone trap

Meigs County (Racine): 0 (down from 1 last week)

Highland County (Hillsboro): 4 (down from 11 last week)

Franklin County (Columbus): 0 (down from 2 last week)

Medina County: 8 (down from 27 last week)

Summit County: 5 (down from 17 last week)

Sandusky County (Fremont-South): 6 (up from 2 last week)

Sandusky County (Fremont-West): 12 (down from 22 last week)

Wood County (Hoytville): 22 (down from 61 last week)

European corn borer, blacklight trap

Franklin County (Columbus): 1 (down from 6 last week)

Sandusky County (Fremont-South): 3 (down from 16 last week)

fall armyworm, pheromone trap
 Franklin County (Columbus): 0 (same as last week)
 Wood County (Hoytville): 0 (same as last week)
 squash vine borer, pheromone trap
 Franklin County (Columbus; mean of 3 traps): 2.7 (up from 1.3 last week)
 variegated cutworm, pheromone trap
 Franklin County (Columbus): 123 (up from 120 last week)
 Wood County (Hoytville): 162 (up from 75 last week)
 black cutworm, pheromone trap
 Wood County (Hoytville): 12 (up from 0 last week)
 true armyworm, pheromone trap
 Wood County (Hoytville): 192 (down from 546 last week)
 Note: full season trap records are posted at: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ipm/traps/traps.htm> A link is provided from the VegNet homepage, just click on the Vegetable IPM button.

The 7 Day Outlook*

AKRON-CANTON

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
 TEMP
 MIN/MAX | 56 79| 64 81| 61 84| 62 84| 62 83| 61 84|
 WIND | 4 8| 5 7| 5 7| 4 7| 5 7| 5 7|
 PREC.
 PROB. 24 | 17 | 55 | 17 | 25 | 31 | 32 |

CLEVELAND

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
 TEMP
 MIN/MAX | 57 79| 66 77| 61 81| 63 83| 63 82| 62 83|
 WIND | 5 7| 4 7| 4 7| 4 8| 5 7| 5 7|
 PREC.
 PROB. 24 | 20 | 53 | 16 | 25 | 31 | 32 |

COLUMBUS

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
 TEMP
 MIN/MAX | 59 85| 68 84| 64 85| 65 86| 65 86| 64 87|
 WIND | 2 6| 3 5| 3 5| 2 5| 3 5| 3 5|
 PREC.
 PROB. 24 | 17 | 60 | 20 | 24 | 30 | 32 |

CINCINNATI

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
TEMP
MIN/MAX | 62 86| 69 87| 68 89| 67 89| 67 86| 68 85|
WIND | 5 8| 5 8| 6 7| 5 7| 6 7| 5 8|
PREC. PROB. 24 | 17 | 62 | 27 | 24 | 30 | 32 |

DAYTON

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
TEMP
MIN/MAX | 59 88| 68 85| 65 86| 67 87| 66 87| 64 87|
WIND | 4 7| 5 7| 4 6| 3 6| 4 6| 4 6|
PREC.
PROB. 24 | 20 | 61 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 31 |

TOLEDO

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
TEMP
MIN/MAX | 57 82| 65 83| 61 84| 63 84| 63 84| 61 85|
WIND | 4 8| 4 7| 3 7| 4 7| 6 7| 4 7|
PREC.
PROB. 24 | 30 | 53 | 16 | 25 | 30 | 31 |

YOUNGSTOWN

DAY DATE | SAT 07| SUN 08| MON 09| TUE 10| WED 11| THU 12|
TEMP
MIN/MAX | 50 77| 62 78| 57 83| 59 84| 59 82| 58 81|
WIND | 3 7| 4 7| 4 7| 4 6| 5 6| 5 6|
PREC.
PROB. 24 | 17 | 53 | 16 | 26 | 31 | 33 |

* LEGEND:

TEMP MIN/MAX - forecasted minimum and maximum temperature for time periods midnight to noon and noon to midnight.

WIND - MEAN WIND SPEED(KTS) FOR TIME PERIODS midnight to noon and noon to midnight.

PREC. PROB. 24 - probability of precipitation for the 24 hour period.

What's New At The VegNet Web Site

Online Edition of the 2001 Ohio Vegetable Production Guide - Now Available
Sweet Corn Disease Resistance Ratings

The following are summarized lists of Dr. Pataky's work at the Univ. of IL on disease reactions of sweet corn. In these summaries, all experimental and processing varieties have been removed and only named varieties which were rated for common rust or MDM are included. The first list are those named varieties rated for common rust. The second list are only those named varieties rated for Maize Dwarf Mosaic virus (MDM). For a complete report, E-mail: Bob Precheur:

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Common Rust of Sweet Corn

MDM of Sweet Corn

Do You Know Us?

Find out what we've been up to. The OSU Vegetable Team Report is available in PDF file format for downloading from the VegNet homepage.

Sources of Pheromone Traps Used in Vegetable Pest Management.

Do you need to find traps, lures or suppliers, click on the Vegetable IPM button on the left side of the homepage, then click on the 'Sources' document in the Vegetable IPM section.

IR-4 News

Also in the Vegetable IPM section, you can link to the IR-4 website. Read the results of the 2000 food use workshop, monthly and quarterly newsletters. Find out the latest on pesticide registrations for minor crops. Learn about biopesticides plus much more. Click on the Vegetable IPM button on the VegNet homepage and then click on the IR4 link in the Vegetable IPM section.

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