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Vegetable and Small Fruit Grower Input Needed

By John Wargowsky, OFGS and OVPGA Executive Director

The Ohio Vegetable and Small Fruit Research and Development Program is designed to improve the profitability and marketability of vegetable and small fruit crops through research and development. The primary purpose of this program is to provide funding for crop research to assist producers in developing new varieties, new cultural practices and other activities that will enhance the profitability of vegetable and small fruit crops.

The OVSFRDP Board will meet Wednesday, November 7. One key agenda item is to evaluate research needs that surfaced over this year's growing season. These needs will be considered with longer terms research issues and communicated to vegetable and small fruit researchers.

OVSFRDP welcomes grower comments on problems experienced this year that deserve research attention. Please contact our office by e-mailing growohio@ofbf.org no later than Monday, November 5 to have your input considered by the OVSFRDP Board.

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Ohio Fruit & Vegetable Organizations Premiere Web Sites

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The Ohio Apple Marketing Program (OAMP), Ohio Fruit Growers Society (OFGS), Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Association (OVPGA) and Ohio Vegetable and Small Fruit Research and Development Program (OVSFRDP) have all developed a presence on three coordinated web sites.

OAMP uses www.ohioapples.org that started mid-August and primarily targets consumers. Media, teachers, students, apple growers and apple marketers will also find valuable information. Apple recipes, health and nutrition information, festivals, a grower directory and uses of Ohio's favorite apple varieties are available for consumers. Numerous web links, curriculum ideas and print and use activities are featured for teachers and children. Apple growers and marketers will find complete information about the Ohio Apple Marketing Program on this site.

OFGS uses www.ohiofruit.org and OVPGA uses www.ohiovegetables.org as their association web sites. Fruit and vegetable growers are the primary target audience for these sites. Information about the associations, Today's Grower, Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers Congress/Ohio Roadside Marketing Conference, research, legislative and regulatory issues, industry calendars and grower discussion forums are the highlights of these sites. The discussion forums will take a little longer to be operable. Both association sites will have "Members' Only" sections that require a username and password. These will be e-mailed to paid members who have provided such information to the Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers office. OFGS and OVPGA plan to include grower directories for Cardinal and Buckeye members, respectively by Spring 2002. Members should watch their membership renewal notices for details on this new member benefit. Those wanting a model of how this will look should see the grower directory at www.ohioapples.org. Information for media and consumers will also be available on these sites. OVSFRDP is included in the www.ohiovegetables.org web site. One click on the home page and complete information about this program, including administration and research results are available to the public. Starting with the 2000 research results, this will be where results are made available to growers who fund the program.

Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Scholarship Endowments at Ohio State Move Forward
By John Wargowsky, OFGS and OVPGA Executive Director

The Gene Wittmeyer Vegetable Endowment

The Gene Wittmeyer Vegetable Scholarship Endowment was established with gifts from the Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Association along with alumni and friends honoring Professor Emeritus Gene Wittmeyer, who joined The Ohio State University in 1950. This fund currently contains just under \$5,000 and additional support from the state's vegetable industry will move this fund to its ultimate goal of \$25,000 by 2004. An anonymous donor will match all contributions dollar for dollar up to \$6,000.

This fund will support scholarships for undergraduate or graduate student(s) enrolled in the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences who demonstrate an interest in vegetable crops and/or association or involvement with the Ohio vegetable industry.

The Ohio Fruit Growers Society Fred O. Hartman Endowment Fund

The Ohio Fruit Growers Society Fred O. Hartman Endowment Fund was established with gifts from The Ohio Fruit Growers Society along with alumni and friends honoring Professor Emeritus Fred O. Hartman, who joined the University in 1951. The Board of Directors of The Ohio State University Foundation formally approved this endowment on June 29, 2001 and the endowment currently is funded at over \$27,000.

This fund will support scholarships for an undergraduate or graduate student(s) enrolled in the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences who

demonstrate an interest in fruit crops and/or association or involvement with the Ohio fruit industry.

Please join in supporting the following fund(s):

The Gene Wittmeyer Vegetable Endowment Fund *Fund #410395

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Research Reports

By Bob Precheur

The first research report of the 2001 season is now available, see below. Coming soon to the VegNet website are pumpkins and peppers plus pictures and many other reports.

"Sweet Corn (2001)" Matthew D. Kleinhenz, Ph.D.

The 2001 sweet corn variety evaluation report is available on-line. The report is available at the on-line publications link of my website. Go to the front page, choose publications, on-line, and scroll to the variety evaluation report section. Other reports (lettuce and spinach, potato, cabbage) will be available through the fall.

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Sweet Corn School Reminder By Mary Donnell

The November 16 Sweet Corn School is rapidly approaching. The school will be a live teleconference given simultaneously in Columbus, Piketon, Vandalia, and Wooster. The same program is offered at all locations on the same day. At least one speaker will be at each location.

Participants will earn two and one-half hours of Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) credits in the 2a commercial category and one hour of PAT credit in the 2c commercial category. Four hours of PAT credits are available in private category 1. Growers will learn key cultural practices that often result in improved sweet corn yield, quality, and profitability. You will find a complete agenda on the team's web site.

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To register, please contact

Melissa Fitzpatrick at or

1-800-860-7232 at the OSU South Centers at Piketon.

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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We appreciate very much the financial support for this series of vegetable reports which we have received from the board of growers responsible for the Ohio Vegetable and Small Fruit research and Development Program. This is an example of use of Funds from the "Assessment Program".

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