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Insect News – *Celeste Welty, OSU Department of Entomology*

The key pests that we monitor by traps have shown the same trends in the past week as in the previous week: corn earworm pheromone traps caught no moths at any of our reporting sites (Meigs, Clark, Sandusky, Wayne Counties), and European corn borer traps show continued emergence of second generation moths, which will be infesting peppers and late sweet corn. Trap reports are posted online at:

http://bugs.osu.edu/welty/veg_traps1/Veg_traps.html

Southern Ohio Report – *Brad Bergesford, OSU Extension & South Centers at Piketon*

Market demand for all produce crops continues to run high due to wet weather and flooding conditions throughout the Midwest and Eastern states. Harvest gaps are being experienced with sweet corn, cucumbers, summer squash and zucchini due to wet field conditions 50 to 60 days ago, a spike in wholesale prices at area wholesale Produce Auctions is being reported. Field tomato harvest of main season crops has peaked for many growers with late plantings just starting to harvest mature greens, good quality is being reported except for flooded production areas or where foliar disease has damaged plantings. High tunnel plantings of fall and winter crops such as carrots, greens, lettuce etc. has begun. Sweet corn harvest continues with some harvest gaps being experienced due to rainy conditions at planting 70 days ago, growers are reporting good yields and quality and high demand. Harvest of beans continues with very high demand especially for half runner beans which still are running around \$50 dollars a bushel wholesale at area produce auctions. Harvest of sweet onions, potatoes, summer squash, basil, cucumbers, pickles, zucchini and cabbage continues. Cantaloupe harvest has reached peak and harvest of late season plantings is starting. Foliar diseases such as downy and powdery mildew and bacterial wilt are cutting harvest short on some farms. Blackberry harvest has peaked with spotted wing Drosophila and Drosophila being reported in several plantings, it seems this rise in SWD pressure has increased with recent storms and rain events last

weekend and growers are following tight insecticide programs attempting to stay ahead of this devastating pest. Some quality issues are being reported due to heavy rains and Drosophila damage over the past weekend.

Vegetable planting of most all crops is winding down except direct seeding of pickles, summer squash, cucumbers, radish, turnip and transplanting of cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage continuing. Direct seeding of all fall greens continues. With the continuing heavy rains weed control has been a top priority as well as fungicide applications. Cultivation and side dressing of Nitrogen continues on late planted crops.

Production issues have included: herbicide drift injury continues from neighboring grain farms, deer, turkey and bird damage continues to cause extensive economic losses for many vegetable growers especially on sweet corn and cabbage crops.

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