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#### **Southern Ohio Crop Report** – *Brad Bergesford, OSU Extension & South Centers*

Many areas are very dry and have been irrigating the past 2 weeks, whereas some areas received almost 1 inch of rain in 20 minutes a week ago. Harvest gaps are being experienced with sweet corn, cucumbers, summer squash, beans, melons and zucchini. Pumpkin harvest is in full swing with split sets being reported. Some fields are all orange whereas some fields have newly set fruit and lots of female bloom. Downy Mildew disease is still severe in all vine crops, late blight disease in tomato and potato and spotted winged Drosophila causing severe economic losses in summer bearing strawberry and high tunnel strawberry. Demand and prices for all produce is VERY strong with higher than normal prices being reported at area produce auctions. The vegetable crop supply was adequate during the Labor Day holiday but not many pumpkins were available for early fall displays with almost none in the chain stores. Tomato supply continues to become tighter due to many fields being lost to an assortment of diseases the past month.

High tunnel plantings of fall and winter crops such as carrots, greens, lettuce etc., continues high tunnels. Sweet corn harvest continues with harvest gaps being experienced due to rainy conditions at planting 75 days ago. Harvest of beans continues with very high demand especially for half runner beans which still are running around \$50 to \$60 dollars a bushel wholesale at area produce auctions. Harvest of sweet onions, potatoes, summer squash, basil, cucumbers, pickles, zucchini and cabbage continues.

Fields are being chisel and moldboard plowed and seeding of cover crops is well underway. Soil samples are being pulled and fertilizer and lime applications being made.

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