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MUCK CROPS RESEARCH STATION IPM 2017

This is the Muck Crops Research Station Report and IPM Information for Friday August 11, 2017

We currently have a graduate student researching celery leaf curl. If you believe you have leaf curl developing in your celery field, this student would like plant samples to evaluate the disease across the marsh. Please contact the station and Zach will arrange a sample collection.

Onions are starting to be harvested with almost all transplants at least laying down.

Onion Diseases

Downy mildew protection is still very important. Protective sprays are needed as downy mildew will develop in onion plants without visible symptoms. Over the past four days, downy mildew hasn't been very active although there is still high risk particularly in transplants whose leaves have been wet into mid morning. Our first recommended product to apply is Ridomil Gold MX 68WG (+). Afterwards, regular sprays should always involve a rotation involving different modes of action. Rotating Ridomil with Aliette on a ~10 day schedule provides similar control to applying just Ridomil every 10 days. Aliette should not be tank mixed with any other product, particularly micronutrients. Apart from Ridomil, we have seen the best downy mildew control using Orondis Ultra and Zampro at the research station. Ensure the label rate is being applied for the most effective control. Other products registered for control are Revus, Torrent 400SC, and Manzate Pro-stick. Phostrol is also registered for suppression and has shown some synergistic activity when applied with other downy mildew control products.

Stemphylium continues to spread. The fungicides registered for stemphylium, Luna Tranquility, Sercadis, and Quadris Top, are only registered for suppression, meaning protective sprays are more valuable than reactive sprays. Sercadis also shares a mode of action with Luna Tranquility meaning they are not effective rotation partners.

Not much botrytis has been seen in the marsh. Applications made to control stemphylium should be effective in controlling botrytis.

Onion Insects

The second generation of onion maggot should be starting based on our degree day model, although activity has still been fairly low. Onion maggot fly counts are 0.38 flies/trap/day on station and 0.38 at our Jane street field. With the second generation started we have been expecting higher counts.

So far, no major thrip problems have been noted, although some feeding has been noticed. No thrips were found on station or at our Jane street field at the last scouting.

Carrot

We're catching rust flies, and the second generation has officially begun. Current counts are 0.05 flies/trap/day on station and 0.05 flies/trap/day at our Jane street field. Rust fly thresholds are 0.1 flies/trap/day for fresh market carrots and 0.2 flies/trap/day for processing carrots. Mako (used to be Ripcord), Up-Cyde, Matador/Warrior, and Silencer are registered for rust fly control. Diazinon has officially rotated out and is no longer registered for rust fly control.





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Aster leafhopper counts are moderate, although there have been a few peaks in some fields. Some aster yellows have been noticed.

Both Cercospora and Alternaria leaf blight have appeared on carrots in the marsh. We have also noticed some fusarium rot developing.

Celery

Celery leaf curl has been identified in multiple fields in the marsh. The disease is new, and until this week Quadris was the only registered product available for control. Switch just received a minor use label for leaf curl control in celery, and has shown success in trials at the research station. Other research has indicated applications of Pristine, Bravo ZN, Flint, or mancozeb (Dithane, Penncozeb, Manzate) for leaf blights may also contribute to leaf curl control, although Bravo and mancozebs likely act more preventatively than curatively.

So far, we have not seen much tarnished plant bug activity. Although, we have seen some carrot weevil feeding damage in some stalks.

Blackheart in celery has been noticed in fields in the marsh. Blackheart develops due to calcium deficiency, and preventative applications of calcium are beneficial as it is more difficult to control blackheart once it begins developing. Remember boron and magnesium are also important for celery development.

Pink rot has also been seen in a couple fields throughout the marsh.

BREMCAST – There has been one sporulation infection period (SIP) for downy mildew on lettuce in the past four days, meaning risk is low.

Soil Temperatures:

Aug 11: 5 cm – 21.6
10 cm – 21.8
20 cm – 20.8

DATE (August, 2017)	TEMPERATURE (°C)		ACCUMULATED RAINFALL (mm)
	MAX	MIN	
8	21.9	13.6	0.2
9	26.3	10.2	1.6
10	28.0	12.7	0.0

