

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News –

pruning heavier than I have in the past. Japanese beetles are starting to show up, but their numbers are still low. Pretty sure I've seen signs of SWD in strawberries and raspberries due to

(Huntington) We've definitely seen our chemical and fertilizer bills spike this year. We totaled

Cucurbits-While scouting we have seen squash vine borer adults in So. Burlington but no damage yet. Look for wilted plants and check for frass at the base of the stem.

http://www.extension.org/pages/65684/biology-and-management-of-squash-vine-borer-in-organic-farming-systems#.VZ_72fn1Zps

This weather (saturated soils) is perfect Phytophthora weather. This fungus-like organism has a motile spore that swims in water and is attracted to plant roots. If you notice a wilt or blackened canker in your peppers, cucurbits, beans and your soil is poorly drained or you noticed standing water this can be a huge problem. You need a multi-pronged approach to deal with this soil borne disease. http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit_Phytoph.htm

Onions/Garlic-Downy mildew seen at Intervale.

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Thrips and damage noted at the Hort Farm in So. Burlington. White rot of garlic diagnosed. Lots of dying plants and lots of black sclerotia (hardened overwintering fungal bodies) on the bulbs. Growers will move out of this field and go to new ground plus carefully examine all garlic that they use for seed. <http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/factsheets/garlicdiseases.pdf>

Lettuce- bottom rot (Rhizoctonia) common at one farm due to all the wet weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Organic strawberry production, vegetable equipment field day in Hudson Valley (European cultivators), growing greens short course, cover cropping, Pest ID, tunnel tomato workshops and more...mark your calendars. <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/?Page=meetlist.html>