

VEGETABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT – IN FIELD MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS

August 4, 2014

Eden Valley, 6:00 PM

1.5 DEC credits in categories 1a, 10, 23

6:00 PM **Welcome, Overview of Diseases in Vegetables** - Darcy Telenko, Cornell Vegetable Program

An update on local diseases currently affecting vegetable crops in WNY farms

6:15-6:45 **Vegetable Disease Control** – Christine Smart, Plant Pathology, Cornell University

The best crop production practices for managing and controlling disease caused by bacteria, oomycetes, fungi, and viruses will be covered. New management options including host resistance, products, or techniques that are available will also be discussed. Information will be provided for both conventional and organic growers at all levels of expertise.

6:45-7:20 **Vegetable Disease Walk** – Chris Smart, Darcy Telenko, Robert Hadad

The group will walk the fields to learn and practice skills necessary to the success of a plant disease control program. Topics to be covered include: scouting – where, how and when; identifying the pests; checking for management issues that may improve or decrease disease control; and control options. Growers will be encouraged to ask questions and actively participate in the discussion.

7:20-7:30 **Utilizing IPM – A grower’s perspective** – Darcy Telenko and grower Mark Zittel

Darcy Telenko will detail on-farm IPM programs that a grower/cooperator has done for successful pest management and discuss the benefits and shortfalls.

7:35 **DEC credit pick-up**

Attendees eligible for DEC re-certification credits, who have sat through the entire course as determined by the course sponsor’s monitor in accordance with DEC rules, will receive their credits.