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COMMAND EMERGENCY USE GRANTED

PMRA has recently approved an Emergency Use registration for Command for use on cucumbers, squash, and processing pumpkins. Please refer to the label for specific application instructions. Our thanks to Jim Chaput and OMAF for their assistance in obtaining this important use.

ADMIRE - MINOR USE REGISTRATION

PMRA has approved a minor use registration for Admire for use on cucumbers, pumpkin and squash. Please refer to the label for specific application instructions.

DOWNEY MILDEW FORECASTING

Downey mildew caused serious damage to the late cucumber crop in 2005. This year, in an effort to prevent this from occurring the Ontario cucumber industry has assisted in the provision of a downey mildew forecasting service. Because the disease is not known to survive year round in areas with significant winter freezes, its spread is dependent upon the movement of airborne spores from infected plants. The forecast shows where the air from a spore source will travel. The forecasts, plus additional information on the disease, are available at www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/pp/cucurbit/.

If you believe your field to be infected by downey mildew, please contact your fieldman, area board director or the board office, in order that the presence of the disease can be confirmed and this information passed on. Our thanks to Elaine Roddy and Mike Celetti at OMAF for agreeing to assist in disease identification.

QUADRIS MINOR USE LABEL EXPANSION - CARROTS AND RED BEETS

Of interest to carrot and red beet growers, Quadris has recently received approval from PMRA for control of Rhizoctonia crown rot. Please refer to the label for specific application instructions. Our thanks to Jim Chaput and OMAF for their assistance in obtaining this registration.

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*Indiana Vegetable Tour - June 21-22, 2006
LaPorte, Indiana*

The Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Association (OVPGA) is pleased to announce their annual vegetable and fruit tour will center around LaPorte, Indiana on June 21 - 22, 2006. Red Gold's Jim Holloway and Purdue's Elizabeth Maynard have taken the lead in organizing an interesting and diverse two day tour of vegetable and fruit production, direct marketing and research activities. According to OVPGA's President Don Ramseyer, "Last year's Ontario vegetable tour was a great learning experience and demonstrated the importance of our Great Lakes vegetable and fruit industry. Indiana will be another eye-opening learning experience for our producers, marketers and allied industry friends."

The tour will organize on Tuesday, 6:00 PM (CST), June 20 at the Holiday Inn Express, exit 49 of the Indiana Toll Road (Interstate 80/90). A meet and greet reception is scheduled for 6:30 PM at Enzo's Restaurant, five minutes from the Holiday Inn. The tour will then kick off at 7:30 AM, June 21 as the tour bus departs the LaPorte Holiday Inn. Wednesday's scheduled stops include observing production of processing tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables with drip irrigation, mint production, processing tomato production utilizing center pivot irrigation, onion production, direct and wholesale vegetable marketing, an apple orchard stop and more. The tour will also stop at the Pinney Purdue Research Farm to observe sweet corn, tomato and pumpkin research trials. Wednesday's activities will conclude with a cookout at a local grower's farm. Thursday's scheduled stops include fresh market production of sweet corn, melons and tomatoes, a produce auction and machine harvest cucumber production.

For the convenience of tour participants, a block of rooms has been set aside at the LaPorte Holiday Inn Express, 100 East Shore Court, LaPorte, Indiana 46350 at an overnight rate of \$81.00 plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling (219) 326-7900. The meet and greet reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar is (five minutes from the Holiday Inn). Tour registration cost is \$95.00 first person and \$75.00 per person/same business thereafter. A \$20.00 per person discount is available for current OVPGA Buckeye or Ohio Fruit Growers Society Cardinal members.

For more information, contact Tom Sachs at (614) 246-8290 or email at tsachs@ofbf.org. The registration form is available at www.ohiovegetables.org.