

## NEWSLETTER

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**JULY 19, 2007**

### **RANMAN REGISTERED FOR USE ON CUCUMBERS**

Due to the lack of availability of Tattoo C in early July, an Emergency Use Registration for Ranman was requested and has been approved. Our thanks to Jim Chaput and OMAFRA for their continuing work in this area. Growers should continue to closely monitor their cucumber fields. Lastly, we are told that Tattoo C is now available.

### **DOWNY MILDEW WATCH**

Downy Mildew continues to be a threat in Southern Ontario. OMAFRA has reported infected fields in Elgin and Norfolk counties. Growers should continue to watch their fields closely for any sign of the disease. Rotate crop protection products and keep records of all applications.

OMAFRA weekly scouting updates are available on the OPVG web site.

### **SALVAGE BENEFIT FOR PROCESSING TOMATOES**

The Production Insurance Plan for Processing Tomatoes includes a salvage benefit for tomatoes affected by blossom end rot and/or hail. This benefit helps growers by offsetting the increased costs of harvesting and grading affected tomatoes in the field. Growers must notify Agricorp to open a claim prior to harvest at 1-888-247-4999 Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A minimum of 3 contiguous acres must be damaged. Agricorp determines the level of damage based on fruit counts in the field, and pays a salvage benefit based on the potential of the crop to a maximum of your current average farm yield as shown in the following chart:

\*Estimated yield/acre to a maximum of the AFY (Average Farm Yield)

Acres Affected	Variety	Defect Level	Potential Yield*	Salvage Benefit	Total \$
		10.0% - 14.99%		\$2.00/ton	
		15.0% - 19.99%		\$4.00/ton	
		20.0% - 24.99%		\$6.00/ton	
		> 25%		\$8.00/ton	

**Note:** It is not necessary to be in a Production claim position to qualify for this benefit.

### **RESIDUE TESTING - TOMATOES**

As part of its ongoing commitment to Food Safety, the board and Ontario tomato processors, are once again this year conducting random pesticide residue testing. UpGrade Consulting will be collecting samples from growers fields in the upcoming weeks. Grower co-operation is appreciated.

# Vegetable Open House

## Monday July 30, 2007

Come see the research "in your own backyard"!  
Hosted by OMAFRA & University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

3:30 pm – Wabash area Irrigation demo site

4:30 to 7:30 pm – Ridgetown area

For commercial vegetable growers and agribusiness

- vegetable variety trials
- starter & foliar fertilizers
- tomato breeding & variety evaluation – new characteristics for processing tomatoes
- nitrogen management research in vegetables – pre-sidedress N test for peppers
  - weed control research in sweet corn, tomatoes, vine crops, peppers, red beets, cole crops, peas, carrots, snap beans, lima beans
  - research on fertigation in cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers
  - demonstration of automated & manual soil moisture monitoring for irrigation scheduling and water-use efficiency
    - disease & insect management research
    - growth regulators & transplant quality
    - tomato/wheat rotation research
- biodegradable mulch
- late summer cover crops

Directions: 3:30 pm – Irrigation/soil moisture monitoring demonstration site - 11775 Hwy 21 (Baseline Rd.) west of Wabash. Look for the signs.

4:30 pm - Ridgetown College tomato breeding plots on Victoria Rd. near Selton Line. Look for the signs. Selton Line is between Thamesville and the 401. The tour will

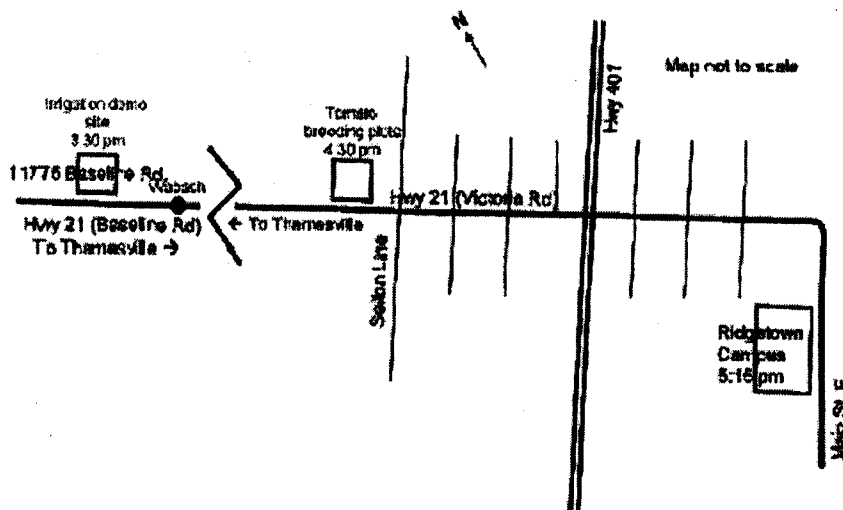
continue on campus in Ridgetown, starting at 5:15 pm and will wrap up with a complimentary barbeque, *provided courtesy of the Brace Centre, McGill University.*

No cost. Please preregister for the BBQ by July 26 by calling the Ridgetown OMAFRA office at (519) 674-1690.

CCA credits have been applied for.

Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Janice LeBoeuf, OMAFRA, Ridgetown, at (519) 674-1699.



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**Tomato Irrigation and Soil Moisture Monitoring Demonstration,  
Open House, and BBQ, Leamington area**

**Thursday, August 2**

For commercial vegetable growers and agribusiness

***Irrigation – how much and when to start is the yearly question.***

*A new project, funded through the COWSEP program, is seeking to answer that question on local tomato fields. Join the staff of the Brace Institute for Water Resources, Weather Innovations iNcorporated, QMAFRA and Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada for a **Summer Open House** at the Farm of Wayne Palichuk, 1019 Concession Road 5, Mersea (between Hwy 77 and Road 12).*

*Come check out the instruments being used in this study to monitor soil moisture and assist in irrigation scheduling. Discuss with the experts how this equipment can be used to improve irrigation efficiency and crop production on your farm -- or your client's farms.*

*The program will start at 4:45 pm and will be followed by a BBQ supper (no charge). Pre-registration is needed for the BBQ. Please call the Ridgeway OMAFRA office to register, at 519 674-1690, by July 31.*

*Funding for this Open House is provided through McGill University and the Canada-Ontario Water Supply Expansion Program, an initiative of the federal-provincial-territorial Agricultural Policy Framework.*