Introduction to Cucurbit Diseases and Control

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IPGA SPRING MEETING 2019
What is IPM?

• **Scouting**
  • What part of the plant is affected

• **Identification**
  • Know your disease’s

• **Treatment Options**
  • Chemical, cultural, biological, natural
What is IPM?

The use of **cultural**, **biological**, and **chemical** tactics to reduce a pest population below an acceptable **threshold**

- **Cultural** – non-chemical tactics
- **Biological** – arthropods eating other arthropods
- **Chemical** – pesticides, selection and spray timing
Pumpkin Pests

- **Key Diseases:**
  - Powdery mildew
  - Bacterial wilt
  - Phytophthora
  - Fusarium
  - Plectosporium
  - Angular leaf spot
  - Bacterial leaf spot
  - Anthracnose
  - Downy mildew
  - Yellow vine decline
  - Virus (WMV), others

- **Key Insects:**
  - Striped cucumber beetles/larvae
  - Corn rootworm beetles/larvae (W, S, N)
  - Squash bug
  - Squash vine borer
  - Aphids
Angular Leaf Spot

- ALS can drip from leaves onto fruit, cause lesions to form on fruit, eventually lose fruit
- Prefers cooler temperatures
- Seed borne
- Survival in soil on plant debris
Bacterial Leaf Spot

- BLS can drip from leaves onto fruit, cause lesions to form on fruit, eventually lose fruit
- Prefers warmer rainy conditions
- Seedborne
Powdery Mildew

- Spores blow into the Midwest from the South
- Usually mid July
- Free Moisture, dew
  - Not saturation from rains, rain washes spores away
Powdery Mildew Program

• Start at first sign of colonies on leaves
• Spray every 7-10 days
• Alternate Procure and Quintec
• Every other spray add in Bravo or Manzate Pro Stick
• Additional products that are very good on PM
  • Luna Experience, Merivon, Torino, Nova, Rally
Powdery Mildew Program

- Need to make sure alternating chemistries, resistance has been confirmed in Ohio to group 1 and 11 fungicides
- OSU trials have shown reduced effectiveness of Quintec
- Use the highest labeled rate
- Adjuvants can be added but are generally not needed
  - Non ionic surfactant (NIS), if an adjuvant is desired
- Check FRAC numbers
• Favors mild (70’s-low 80’s), wet weather
• High Humidity, prolonged leaf wetness from dew, or rains
• Lack of treatment may result in total foliage loss in 7-10 days
• Does not over winter in Midwest
Phytophthora

- Can affect all parts of the plant and fruit
- Spreads rapidly under wet or water logged soil conditions
- Prefers warm temperatures
  - Heavy rains in July and August
Downy Mildew and Phytophthora

- Most labels and resources will say to wait until first signs of infection before applying a fungicide.

- The issue with that method is both of these diseases can spread and take down whole plants or multiple plants within days.

- Yes you can stop them! But its very difficult.

- Be proactive
  - Pay attention to the weather, not just the highs and lows for the day.
  - % humidity

- Know your patch
  - Drainage – best defense
  - Previous disease history
Downy Mildew and Phytophthora

- Elumin – New product for 2019 FRAC 22
- Presidio – FRAC 43
- Orondis Opti – FRAC M5, U15
- Orondis Ultra – New - FRAC 40, U15
- Zampro – FRAC 40, 45
- Ranman – FRAC 21
- Orondis Gold – FRAC 4, 49
- Ridomil Gold – FRAC 4
Gummy Stem Blight

- Can affect any growth stage
- Prefers mild temperatures (up to 75) and high humidity
- Resistance in the Midwest to group 11 fungicides (strobilurins)
- Fungicide
  - Luna Experience
What disease does this pest vector?
Bacterial Wilt

Not Seedborne
What insect is this?
What disease does it vector?
Yellow Vine Decline

- Bacteria vectored by squash bugs to plants, early to mid season

- Symptoms – yellow plants- appear 30+ days after infection
  - Starts at a vine tip and works back towards main vine

- Scout seedlings early, treat with foliar insecticides if > 1 egg mass / plant found

- **No cure, once symptoms develop pull plant**
Supplemental Label

For disease control and plant health in the following crops: bulb vegetables, cucurbit vegetables, leafy vegetables, root vegetables, strawberries, and tree nuts

This supplemental label expires on September 30, 2016 and must not be used or distributed after this date.

Powered by Xemium® and F500® fungicides

Active Ingredients:
fluxapyroxad*: 1H-Pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-(3',4',5'-trifluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl) ................................................................. 21.26%
pyraclostrobin**: (carbamic acid, [2-[[1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]oxy]methyl][phenyl]methoxy-, methyl ester) ................................................................. 21.26%
Other Ingredients: .................................................................................................................. 57.48%
Total: .................................................................................................................................. 100.00%

* Equivalent to 2.09 pounds of fluxapyroxad per gallon
** Equivalent to 2.09 pounds of pyraclostrobin per gallon
Procure® 480SC

Agricultural Fungicide

Active Ingredient: (% by weight)
Triflumizole [1-[(4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) imino]-2-
propoxyethyl]-1H-imidazole] ........................................... 42.14%
Other Ingredients: ......................................................... 57.86%
Total:........................................................................... 100.00%

Contains 4 lbs. triflumizole per gallon.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION

GROUP 3 FUNGICIDE

FRAC Number
FRAC Number

Agricultural Fungicide

Active Ingredient:
Chlorothalonil (tetrachloroisophthalonitrile) .......................... 54.0%
Other Ingredients: .............................................................. 46.0%
Total: ............................................................................. 100.0%

Bravo Weather Stik is formulated as a suspension concentrate (SC).
Contains 6.0 pounds chlorothalonil per gallon
(720 grams per liter)

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See additional precautionary statements and directions for use inside booklet.

EPA Reg. No. 5034-188-100
## My Spray Program in 2014

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Protectant Fungicides

- **Sulfur** OK for fungal disease control, contact only
- **Potassium bicarbonate** OK for fungal disease control, contact only
- **Copper** OK for bacterial control, contact only

- **Chlorothalonil** OK for fungal disease control, contact only
  - Great tank-mix partner
Products To Consider

• At plant – Admire - Soil applied systemic insecticide

• Foliar Insecticides – Sevin, Warrior II, Hero, Endigo ZC – really good on aphids
  • Endigo ZC – Warrior plus thiamethoxam (Foliar applied systemic)
Products To Consider

• Broad Spectrum – Bravo, Merivon, Luna Experience, Quadris, Cabrio, Pristine

• Powdery mildew specific – Nova, Quintec, Procure, Manzate Pro Stick

• Downy Mildew and Phytophthora
  • Orondis Opti/Ultra or Gold, Presidio, Ranman, Elumin

• ROTATE FRAC NUMBERS!!!!
2095 plant on 8/22
Sources and Useful Links

Detailed information of FRAC numbers, what they mean and a complete list of pesticides associated with each number
  - http://ipm.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/success_stories/T&PGuide/pdfs/Appendices/Appendix6-FRAC.pdf

Sally Miller OSU Vegetable Pathology Lab
  - Https://u.osu.edu/vegetablepathologylab/

Pesticide labels
  - http://www.cdms.net/labelsmsects/lmdefault.aspx?ms=1

https://u.osu.edu/jasinski.4/pumpkins/

2019 Midwest Vegetable Guide, has specific section for cucurbits with up to date pesticide lists for each major disease

OSU Vegetable disease news/blog
  - http://u.osu.edu/miller.769/

Growing Pumpkins in Green Acres presentation by Jim Jasinski
  - https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp280

Detailed information on IRAC numbers
  - https://www.irac-online.org/