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Ontario Crops Research Centre – Bradford (Muck Station) IPM Report 2025

This is the Muck Crops IPM Update for July 24, 2025

Highlights

- **All onion fields have some level of Stemphylium leaf blight. Most fields currently have low severity, but severity is slowly increasing.**
- Some early transplant onions are being harvested
- Thrips populations vary from field to field
- Tip dieback has been very common
- Some carrot canopies are closing in
- The first symptoms of Aster yellows has been found and Aster leafhopper populations are high in some fields
- Some carrot rust fly activity has been observed

Disease Forecasting Highlight:

Botrytis leaf blight (BOTcast)	Onion downy mildew (DOWNcast)	Stemphylium leaf blight (BSPcast)	White Rot on onions	Sclerotinia (White Mold) on Carrot	General conditions for disease (TOMcast)	Lettuce downy mildew (BREMcast)
LOW RISK	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	LOW-MODERATE RISK	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	MODERATE RISK

Onion Update

Seeded onions are around the 9th true leaf stage. Some transplant onions are being harvested.

Stemphylium leaf blight is very common in the marsh and conditions are favourable for disease development. Tip dieback has been observed, which can be an entry point for Stemphylium. Low numbers of Stemphylium spores have been found on our spore traps as well. We recommend alternating the group 7 fungicides (Miravis Duo, Sercadis, Aprovia/Aprovia Top and Merivon) with Allegro (group 29) for Stemphylium leaf blight suppression and resistance management. Resistance has been developing to the active ingredient in Sercadis and Merivon. The group 7 systemic products are effective for around 10-14 days and the contact fungicide Allegro is effective for around 7- 10 days.



Stemphylium symptoms



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We do not recommend spraying Quadris Top (group 11/3) or Luna Tranquility (group 7/9) as Stemphylium has developed resistance to these fungicides. There is very high resistance in Stemphylium to one of the fungicides in Quadris Top and high resistance to one of the fungicides in Luna Tranquility.

Check out our IPM video on Stemphylium leaf blight in the Holland Marsh for more info by clicking on the thumbnail.



Stemphylium Leaf Blight in the Holland Marsh



How to Control Onion Thrips

Thrips populations vary from field to field. After the two Movento applications, and if your field surpasses the 3 thrips/leaf threshold, switch to a registered insecticide with a different mode of action. Products we would recommend applying next are Agri-Mek SC (group 6), Delegate WG (group 5), Minecto Pro (group 6/28) or Exirel (group 28). These insecticides should also be applied back-to-back, no more than 2 weeks apart. Check out our IPM video on onion thrips for more info by clicking on the thumbnail to the left.

Onion maggot damage has been very low after 1st generation feeding. Most fields have less than 1% damage.

Pre broadleaf weed emergence herbicides include Chateau and Prowl H2O. Post broadleaf weed emergence herbicides include Goal 2XL, Pardner and bromoxynil products. Registered herbicides can be found in the [Ontario Crop Protection Hub](#).

Carrot Update

Some carrot canopies are closing in.

The first symptoms of carrots with Aster yellows have been found. Aster leafhoppers continue to be active and populations are high in some fields. The percent of aster leafhoppers with aster yellows coming from the south has also been fairly high. Sevin XLR, Admire 240F, Actara 25WG, Closer and Sivanto Prime are registered if your field is over the 20 leafhoppers/trap or 1 leafhopper/sweep thresholds.



Aster yellows symptoms
Scout – Dylan Quanbury

Some carrot rust fly activity has been observed throughout the marsh, although activity has been low overall. This generation of rust fly can cause damage and it is important to spray if your field is over threshold. If your field is over the 0.1 rust flies/trap/day threshold Mako, UP-Cyde 2.5 EC, Labamba, Matador 120EC and Silencer 120 EC are registered for control.



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For early season weed control, registered herbicides can be found in the [Ontario Crop Protection Hub](#).

Celery Update

Celery harvest continues and transplants are establishing well. Blights have been found regularly in celery, but severity is still low. Celery leaf curl has been very infrequent. Tarnished plant bugs have been active, but damage has been minimal as well.

Daily Weather

Date (July)	Max temperature (°C)	Min temperature (°C)	Rain (mm)
21	22.5	12.4	0.0
22	26.1	7.8	0.0
23	30.2	11.5	0.0

Soil Temperature (°C): 5cm: 22.9

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