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Ontario Crops Research Centre – Bradford (Muck Station) IPM Report 2024

This is the Muck Crops IPM Update for June 17, 2024

Highlights

- Stemphylium leaf blight has identified on seeded and transplant onions in the marsh.
- Hot and dry conditions are being forecasted this week, heat canker may become an issue.
- Most seeded onions are at the 2nd to 3rd true leaf stage.
- Many carrot fields are at the 2nd true leaf stage, some are just emerging.
- Carrot weevils have almost completed their egg laying period. Some fields are over the 1.5 and 5 cumulative weevils/trap threshold.

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	HIGH RISK	LOW RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK

Onion Update

Most seeded onions are around the 2nd to 3rd true leaf stage. Stemphylium leaf blight has now been found in early seeded onions, as well as transplants.

First spray: If your seed was treated with EverGol Prime or Pen 240 your first spray should be Allegro 500F. Allegro is effective for around 7-10 days. If your seeds were not treated with penflufen, Miravis Duo (Group 7/3) would be the best choice to protect your onions.

Second spray: If it has been 7-10 days since you applied Allegro, the next fungicide you apply could be Miravis Duo (Group 7/3). Aprovia/Aprovia Top, Sercadis and Merivon are also group 7s that are registered to suppress Stemphylium, but resistance has been developing to the active ingredient in Sercadis and Merivon. Rotating these products is important even though they are all group 7s. Allegro is low risk for developing resistance and can be used in rotation with these products.





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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.

First generation onion maggot fly activity is starting to decrease. Seeds treated with Sepresto should be protected against onion maggot damage. Some very minor damage has been seen in seeded and transplant onions.

Thrips are starting to show up in onion fields, although populations are fairly low right now. Thrips populations may increase with the hot and dry weather. Generally thrips populations are slightly higher in transplant fields compared to seeded fields. For thrips management, it is important to apply Movento once thrips are present in your field and their population is building.

For weed control, post weed emergence herbicides include Goal 2XL, Pardner and bromoxynil products. Registered herbicides can be found in the [Ontario Crop Protection Hub](#).

Carrot Update

Most carrot fields are now seeded and many are at the 2nd true leaf stage. Earlier seeded carrots are around the 4th true leaf stage. Carrot weevils are near the end of their egg laying period. Carrot weevil pressure is usually higher in early seeded carrots than later seeded carrots as later seeded carrots often miss the majority of this egg laying period. If you have earlier seeded carrots, we recommend spraying for weevils at the 2nd true leaf stage if your field is over the cumulative 1.5 weevils/trap threshold. If your field is over the 5 weevils/trap threshold, we also recommend spraying at the 4th true leaf stage. Rimon 10 EC or Exirel are good insecticides to manage weevil populations.

We will be monitoring small carrots for heat canker this week.

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

Daily Weather

Date (June)	Max temperature (°C)	Min temperature (°C)	Rain (mm)
13	31.1	16.6	6.2
14	23.3	12.1	0.0
15	21.9	9.3	0.0
16	24.6	7.0	0.0

Soil Temperature (°C): 5cm: 17.2

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