



Ontario Crops Research Centre – Bradford (Muck Station) IPM Update 2026

Date: May 28

Highlights

- Many onions are at the flag leaf stage with a visible 1st true leaf.
- Onion maggot flies have been quite active.
- Many carrot fields have been seeded this week.
- Carrot weevil activity continues.
- 1st generation carrot rust flies are emerging.

Onion Update

Most onions are at the flag leaf to 1st true leaf stage. Transplant onions have established well. Onions will be growing quickly in the warm conditions through to next week.

Onion maggot fly activity continues and it is fairly high in some areas. Seeds treated with Sepresto should be protected against onion maggot damage. Transplant onions are at a higher risk of onion maggot damage.

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

Carrot Update

More carrots were seeded over the last few days. Weevil activity continues and some fields have higher populations that have already surpassed the first 1.5 cumulative weevils/trap threshold. It is important to remember that carrot weevil pressure is usually higher in early seeded carrots than later seeded carrots. The earliest you should spray for weevils is around the 2nd true leaf stage if your field is over threshold.

The 1st generation of carrot rust flies are starting to become active, however this generation cannot cause serious damage as the carrots are either too small or have not emerged at this time.

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Daily Weather

Date (May)	Max temperature (°C)	Min temperature (°C)	Rain (mm)
25	24.9	11.0	0.0
26	28.9	13.3	0.0
27	23.9	14.4	0.0

Soil Temperature over the last 24 hours (°C): 5cm: 17.1

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