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

Date: October 1

Highlights

- Sclerotinia white mold is present in a number of carrot fields.
- Carrot rust flies are active and some fields are over threshold.
- Carrot leaf blights are common but severity is generally low.
- Onion harvest is finishing up.

Disease Forecasting Highlight:

Sclerotinia (White Mold) on Carrot	General conditions for disease (TOMcast)	Lettuce downy mildew (BREMcast)
MODERATE RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK

Carrot Update



White mold - Scout

Sclerotinia white mold has been found in a number of fields. Allegro 500F, Scholar 230SC, Luna Sensation and Switch 62.5 WG are registered for control and Miravis Duo and Fontelis are registered for suppression. It is important to try and get these products down into the crown and lower canopy as best you can.

Carrot rust flies continue to be active. If your field is over the 0.1 flies/trap/day threshold Mako, UP-Cyde 2.5 EC, Labamba, Matador 120EC and Silencer 120 EC are registered for control.

Carrot leaf blights have been found, but disease incidence and severity are still low overall at this time. If your field has higher levels of blight and you are over the 25% of plants with blight threshold, Cabrio, Flint, Quadris Top, Merivon and Bravo/Echo are registered for both Cercospora and Alternaria leaf blights. Copper 52W is only registered to suppress Cercospora. Fontelis, Sercadis, Cantus, Pristine, Switch, Miravis Duo, Luna Sensation, Serifel, Button, Vantana and Allegro are only registered to suppress Alternaria.



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Celery Update

Celery harvest continues. Blights have been found regularly, but overall disease severity continues to be low. There are many fungicides registered to manage blights in celery, which can be found on the [Ontario Crop Protection Hub](#). Some celery leaf curl is present and Switch 62.5 WG and Quadris Flowable are registered for control. Tarnished plant bug activity has been minimal.

Daily Weather

Date (September)	Max temperature (°C)	Min temperature (°C)	Rain (mm)
23	20.1	1.5	0.0
24	20.2	1.9	0.0
25	20.3	2.4	0.0
26	22.3	3.7	0.0
27	23.2	3.8	0.0
28	21.4	14.0	0.0
29	21.8	10.6	0.0
30	22.4	12.9	0.0

Soil Temperature (°C): 5cm: 16.6

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