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

Date: September 9

Highlights

- A few onion fields were being harvested this week.
- For carrots, 2nd generation carrot rust flies are active and some fields are over threshold.
- Sclerotinia white mold has been found in a number of carrot fields and will become more prevalent after these wet conditions.
- Some carrot tip rot caused by waterlogging has been found.
- Our scout Emma will be scouting carrot and celery fields once a week throughout September.
- IPM Updates will also be sent out once a week throughout September.

Disease Forecasting Highlight:

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

Onion Update

Onion fields are at various stages of lodging, windrowing and harvesting.

Our final harvest assessments have found a low level of onion maggot damage overall while white rot, bacterial and fusarium disease severity were very low again this year. Pink root was present in all fields and most onions, but severity was generally low.

Stemphylium leaf blight was found in all scouted onion fields again this year. Severity ranged from field to field but remained moderate in most fields. Most fields lodged with a good amount of green leaves still. Downy mildew was only found in one scouted onion field which is a good indication of proper management of the disease considering the conditions were favourable for the disease numerous times since the end of July.



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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.

Second generation carrot rust flies continue to be active. This generation can cause damage and some fields are over threshold. 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.

Aster leafhopper activity has been variable and aster yellows has been minimal. 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.

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](#). Celery leaf curl has been found in these wet conditions as well. Switch 62.5 WG and Quadris Flowable are registered for leaf curl control. Some pink rot has also been found by scouts. Registered fungicides for pink rot can be found [here](#). Tarnished plant bugs have been active, but damage continues to be minimal.

Registered celery herbicides can be found in the [Ontario Crop Protection Hub](#).

Daily Weather

Date (September)	Max temperature (°C)	Min temperature (°C)	Rain (mm)
4	25.2	12.3	0.0
5	24.6	12.2	0.0
6	24.0	12.3	0.0
7	26.0	10.9	0.0
8	27.0	11.6	0.0

Soil Temperature (°C): 5cm: 20.5

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