











Ontario Crops Research Centre – Bradford (Muck Station) IPM Report 2023

This is the Muck Crops IPM Update for May 29, 2023

Highlights

- Lots of irrigation expected this week with the hot and dry weather in the forecast.
- Most onions are in the flag leaf stage.
- Lots of carrot fields have been seeded, some seeding continues this week.
- Carrot weevils are active and continue to be caught.
- Onion maggot flies continue to be active.

Disease Forecasting Highlight:

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

Onion Update

Most seeded onions are now at the flag leaf stage. Onion maggot flies continue to be active, but seeds treated with Sepresto should protect against onion maggot damage. Lots of irrigation is expected this week, which will also help to prevent heat canker.

Early season weed control is important. Pre weed emergence herbicides include Chateau, Prowl H2O and Frontier Max. Post weed emergence herbicides include Goal 2XL, Pardner and bromoxynil products. Allowing the onions waxy leaf layer to develop can help protect the plant from herbicide injury. Registered herbicides can be found in OMAFRA's Weed Control Guide for Hort Crops (dry bulb onions starting on page 128) and the Ontario Crop Protection Hub.











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Carrot Update

A lot of carrot fields have now been seeded. Some carrots are just starting to emerge. Weevil activity continues and are in their egg laying period. Carrot weevil counts vary from field to field and although we are catching some carrot weevils, we do not recommend spraying for weevils until the 2nd true leaf stage if you are over the cumulative 1.5 weevils/trap threshold. Carrot weevil pressure is usually higher in early seeded carrots than later seeded carrots as later seeded carrots often miss the majority of the egg laying period.



For more information on controlling carrot weevils, check out our "How to Control Carrot Weevil" video on our Muck Crops IPM YouTube channel by clicking on the thumbnail to the left. We hope this video is informative and please let us know if there is anything we can improve on for future videos!

For early season weed control, registered herbicides can be found in OMAFRA's <u>Weed Control Guide for Hort Crops</u> (carrots starting on page 94) and the <u>Ontario Crop Protection Hub</u>.

Daily Weather

| Date (May) | Max temperature (°C) | Min temperature (°C) | Rain (mm) |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 26 | 24.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 27 | 28.5 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| 28 | 28.8 | 6.1 | 0.0 |

Soil Temperature (°C): 5cm: 15.1

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