

Ever wonder what plant-parasitic nematodes do to your crops and profitability or how you can manage them on an as-needed-basis?

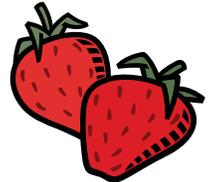


Then please join us for a half-day “training-the trainers” workshop on the:

Diagnosis, Visual Assessment and Management of Plant-Parasitic Nematodes of Vegetables and Small Fruit in the Northeast



Friday October 10, 2008
Hyatt Regency Newport
1 Goat Island
Newport, RI 02840
8:30 am to 2:00 pm



Being held in conjunction with the Northeastern Division Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society

Through funding from the NE-SARE Professional Development Program, this workshop has been designed to train participants throughout the Northeast (county extension educators, regional specialists, crop consultants, IPM practitioners, interested growers and other agricultural service personal) in nematode diagnosis and management and to provide resources that can be used on-the-farm and in various outreach activities.

Topics to be covered include:

- Nematode biology and ecology (abbreviated)
- Signs and symptoms of nematode damage in the field and on crops
- Soil nematode assessment with a focus on on-farm methods
- Management options and managing nematodes on an as-needed basis

All participants will receive a:

- 3-ring binder containing printed resources
- CD-ROM containing powerpoint slides, fact sheets, etc. for use in future programming
- Soil nematode assessment kit
- Certificate of completion

Although there is no fee to attend (and lunch and breaks are provided), **pre-registration is required** for planning purposes. You can register by contacting Beth Gugino at (814) 865-7328 or bkgugino@psu.edu. The deadlines for registering for the workshop in Newport, RI is **Tuesday, September 30th**. This workshop is expected to fill-up quickly so sign-up early.

For **pre-workshop accommodations** (if needed) please contact the hotel below directly by the deadline listed and mention that you are with the APS Northeast Division Meeting to receive the significantly discounted room rate of \$149 + tax per night.

Hyatt Regency Newport

1 Goat Island

Newport, RI 02840

Phone: (401) 851-1234

Hotel website: <http://newport.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

Deadline for discounted rate: September 8, 2008

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS INCLUDE:

George Abawi: Professor of Plant Pathology at Cornell since 1972. His research and extension responsibilities deal with the biology and management of root diseases of vegetables caused by plant-parasitic nematodes and pathogenic fungi.

James LaMondia: Chief Scientist and Plant Pathologist at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Valley Laboratory in Windsor, CT. His research responsibilities include the management of nematode and fungal pathogens in small fruit crops and the development of non-chemical management systems using resistant cultivars, non-host rotation crops and antagonistic crops.

Deborah Neher: Chair and Associate Professor of Plant and Soil Science at the University of Vermont since 2004. She is trained as a plant disease epidemiologist and soil ecologist. Her research responsibilities deal with soil nematodes and microarthropods.

Beth Gugino: Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology at Penn State. Her background and experience is in soil microbiology, root diseases of vegetables and general disease management.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend this workshop, 2 additional full length (8:00am to 5:00pm) workshops will be held this fall at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office in Burlington County in Westampton, NJ on 21 October 2008 and at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office in Lehigh County in Allentown, PA on 18 November 2008. It is also anticipated that an additional 2 to 3 workshops will be held in spring 2009 in Highmoor, Maine and two other locations yet to be determined.

For additional information or if you have questions regarding this workshop or those to be held on future dates contact Beth Gugino and/or visit <http://www.ppath.cas.psu.edu/FACULTY/Gugino.htm>.



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