

Vegetable Production Resources For Your Garden

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The Hop Yard Pest Management video is one of the numerous online resources available to gardeners and hops growers.

At the start of June, many individuals have planted their gardens for 2018. However, as the growing season continues, you may need resources to help diagnose or identify anomalies with your garden crop. Brad Bergefurd, an Agriculture and Horticulture Specialist with Ohio State University Extension, provided several resource recommendations for gardeners, described below.

Knott's Handbook for Vegetable Growers, by Donald N. Maynard and George J. Hochmuth, is a book that covers production tips for many vegetables. Topics covered in the book include transplant production, greenhouse production, soil and fertilizer recommendations, and

pest management. The book is available for free online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/sare/documents/knottshandbook2012.pdf>

Two other resources for vegetable production in the Midwest include the *Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers* and *Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide 2018*. Both of the Midwest guides were generated from collaborative efforts from 16 universities and Extension Services in the Midwest region. The guides provide specific recommendations for individual crops, pollination, weed management, and pest control. The guides are available for free online. The *Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial*

Growers can be found at https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/midwest-vegetable-guide/Documents/2018/01_MWVegGuide_2018.pdf. The *Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide 2018* can be found at <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/hort/documents/id-465.pdf>.

Bergefurd, Dr. Melanie Ivey, and Rachel Medina published a new *Ohio Hop Disease Management Guide* this year. This guide provides hops growers with information on pesticide use and safety, fungicide management, and diseases. The *Ohio Hop Disease Management Guide* can be found at <https://u.osu.edu/fruitpathology/hops/>. Additionally, hops growers may

benefit from the YouTube video about how to scout for pests in hop yards,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyHT3zQWLEQ>.

In conclusion, there are multiple guides and resources through Extension for gardeners to utilize this gardening season. If you have a particular issue with a plant or pest in your garden, contact the Extension office at 937-393-1918 for assistance with identifying the issue or to be connected with a specialist in the area of concern.

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Upcoming Events

The **2018 Small Grains Field Day** will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at the OARDC Schaffter Farm. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch for individuals who register before June 4. To register, go to go.osu.edu/2018SmallGrains. OARDC Schaffter Farm is located at 3240 Oil City Road, Wooster, Ohio.

Highland County Extension Monthly Programming will be held on June 25, 2018, at noon at the Ponderosa Steakhouse. Guest speaker will be Eric Romich who will present *Solar Energy in Agriculture: Considerations for Investing in Photovoltaic Solar Systems*. RSVP to 937-393-1918. Plan to purchase lunch on your own at Ponderosa Steakhouse.

Leadership Highland applications are being accepted through June 28, 2018. Applications are available online at highland.osu.edu or by contacting the Extension office at 937-393-1918. Leadership Highland is an intensive leadership program that will highlight businesses and industries in the county, as well as provide advanced leadership training and professional development opportunities.



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