

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News ó April 25, 2016

(Benson) Wow, is it dry, and getting drier by the hour. I decided to set up both overhead irrigation systems before dropping in the first transplant. Had to move pipelines a couple of times already to direct the wind-blown water to the right spot. I'm not really complaining; this beats a wet spring any day. All in all a good start. First plantings of carrots and beets are in along with the full array of radishes, turnips, etc. We'll just keep on seeding and planting and hope for a good productive season.

(Plainfield) Seedlings growing well, enjoying all the sunshine and good potting mix. Nice crop of spinach in our tomato houses. Time to get some ground ready for early transplants. Kale and chard plugs need to get in soon. Time to rake reWoying all the

Spinach is going by in the tunnels and we will be putting in the cucumbers, squash, basil and soon the tomatoes. Transplants of lettuce have been going out in the fields for 2 weeks; garlic is up 5 inches and we are starting to harvest the overwintered spinach. Overwintered, October-planted, onions inside the 14x100 small tunnel are about twice the size as those planted next to the tunnel with just 2 layers of row cover on them. It will be good for staggered production though, and we will have a report on the trial varieties of reds and yellows later, as well as harvest dates and yields. Markets move back to the outside pavilions in 2 weeks, and our production has been keeping up with the increased sales.

(Ange-Gardien, Quebec) Everything grows well in the greenhouse. No major iss9e1 150.62 566.26 Tm0 g0 G{Q

In general, parasitoids are more effective than predators in reducing aphid populations, although parasitoids may fail to provide acceptable control under warm conditions or at times when aphid populations tend to increase rapidly. Banker plants may be useful in controlling aphids and reducing the costs of applying pest controls. Early detection and accurate identification are key