

(Grand Isle) We have been picking strawberries like mad in anticipation of the 90 degree plus days forecast for later this week. The early and mid-season berry varieties are at or past peak but the late varieties (Idea and Record) are still showing lots of unripe berries. It is nice to stretch the season with different varieties. The only reason we have any strawberries this year is because we invested in netting. For \$1600 we covered an acre and feel the price was worth it. That was in response to visit by the largest flock of cedar wax wings we have ever seen here. We did not even bother to get out our usual collection of shiny mylar tape, bird scare recordings, techno music, rubber snakes, and wind pin wheels. Instead we went straight to the netting purchase and it made all the difference. The daily ritual of uncovering the net for PYO customers followed by recovering took time but was relatively easy. Early vegetables are looking good with the exception of blotchy leaves on the Socrates greenhouse cucumbers. We could use some rain.

(Plainfield NH) Strawberry season in full swing, picture perfect weather made for strong PYO. Cabots are maturing with Annapolis so it promises to be a short season despite the so far cool nights. Leafhoppers arrived on some varieties of beans but not others, but all over all the lettuce. SOB is around but not a huge problem yet. Bedding plant sales were strong; demand best since 2008. Finishing planting of sweet corn and second transplants of cherry tomato and peppers in field. The investment/upgrade to a Jang seeder for raw small seeded veg crops was a real step up from our old #4 Planet Jr. Cedar waxwing pressure is light so far, dealing with deer, also known as rats with antiers. Didn t think hiring people full time to maintain deer fence was part of farming, but it sour reality. Greenhouse tomatoes showing a bit of leaf mold but good weather inhibiting its development. Weather has been kind to potatoes, which look best ever.

(Woodbury) It s dry here. We are well drained, and there's some moisture for the crops that have been around for a while, but it's time to water. Plant sales are winding down, but having replacement plants at this time of the year is both great for us and those who are having trouble in the garden; woodchucks, bugs, etc. We had record sales this year for plants; it's great to have people growing their own food. Weeds are doing well, but they are largely under control, and have no chance in this weather once we disturb them. Flea beetles continue to be intense, and cuke beetles are wrecking greenhouse cukes. Winter squash is covered in the field, so it s OK I did see squash bugs in the greenhouse, which makes me nervous.

(Montpelier) From the field/kitchen: Two CSA deliveries are away and things are going well but always a few hiccups when you try to accommodate special requests for 210 members. Still a

Our zone-till trial of butternut in rolled winter rye is now 3 weeks in. Rye did not die according to the roller-crimper plan. Then I wondered why half of the squash transplants were missing. It looked like they'd been sidedressed with peanut meal, but I knew we hadn't and besides it's never burned anything before. Took until I was moving pipe around all day Friday to figure out that our field is teeming with what I presume to be Armyworms. Maybe the squash is just collateral damage in the quest for one of their favored crops: cereal rye.

(Highgate) We spotted first CPB adults June 15. We are doing daily scouting and squashing of adults and egg masses. So far no larvae have been found. Still a small amount of adults.

Bacterial wilt in greenhouse cucumbers found. Symptoms include rapid wilting of plants. If you suspect the disease and have had cuke beetles, try the visual diagnostic test of cutting the stem and waiting a few seconds, putting the stem back together and pull apart slowly. If a lot of bacteria are in the stem, you will see clear strings between the 2 cut surfaces.

s easy to see, other times not. For positive ID have me look at the stems under the microscope. http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Oucurbit_Beetles.htm.

Magnesium deficiency suspected in greenhouse cukes. Lots of interveinal necrosis on one variety. Grower is trying epsom salts and reporting back while I put the leaf in a moist chamber to see if disease sporulation occurs. Greenhouse tomatoes seen with scorching of leaves; browning on edges and some intervienal browning. The foliage above and below the affected leaves was ok. Usually when only one age of tissue is affected the cause