



The baby red potatoes are coming along nicely even with Bambi having an all-you-can-eat buffet each evening. Keeping fingers crossed for no hail and late blight.

(Little Compton RI) Where do we start to salvage this year? For us it's lowering our expectations and in som

Things seem to be in a holding pattern, given the speed with which it initially established) but it's hard to say whether the improving weather or the spray materials is playing the most important role. The disease seems to be momentarily contained in the tomato greenhouses, but seems to be spreading in some of the field varieties of potatoes. Yukons seem to be more susceptible to the disease than either Reba or Red Norland. I plan to go back on a five day spray schedule if it indeed works. Having spent the greater part of last week spraying vegetables to keep them going, I am feeling less and less "green" with every passing day.

(Plainfield VT) It's a strange summer. Kale, chard, lettuce, beets, carrots, broccoli all doing well in the cool and wet. Peas dying early. Winter squash needs a side dressing. Corn just coming into silk. Peppers, eggplant, plum tomatoes setting fruit in the field. First ripe tomatoes, cukes and eggplant ready from the greenhouse. Excellent foliage on the potatoes, few CPB. Spraying Entrust and Serenade weekly. Seeding fall lettuce and oriental greens. Weeding crews working whenever it stops raining. Still picking late strawberries. Raspberries look promising.

(Argyle, NY) It's been quite a month for many farms in our area. On July 1st, our farm got 6.25" of rain and 3 bouts of hail in a matter of a few hours, which was devastating to many crops, but also many rebounded. First time in 20 years we've experienced hail, so I guess we're lucky. Thank goodness for tunnels, which have been producing beans, squash, basil and cucumbers for many weeks. Tomatoes are just starting. Markets have been very strong, but we've been hoping for more folks who want to can and freeze veggies...maybe later this summer. The very cool weather has brought on some diseases such as powdery mildew, purple blotch on onions (damaged badly by hail), and angular leaf spot on cucumbers.

So far, even with late blight on commercial farms nearby, we've not seen any and we've been doing a 5 day program with copper and serenade to hopefully keep it at bay. Today we started clipping our own strawberry tips and planting them in trays that are under the mister system; they are the Chandlers which we do the annual bed system with. I haven't added up the yields yet this year, but they were tremendous! We're harvesting celery and carrots, and just harvested/racked all our garlic this past week and it's one of our best crops of it ever...it loved the raised beds

## HARVESTING POTATOES FROM FIELDS WITH LATE BLIGHT

After talking with several plant pathologists I suggest that if late blight is starting in your potatoes and you're not willing or able to apply fungicides in a timely manner to combat it, or if it starts to get the upper hand, then cut the chances of infecting nearby tomatoes or losing what tubers you do have to infection. Mow or burn down the crop to kill it.

Then allow time for the foliage to die and the skins to set.

White rot on tomato and potato is common in low wet spots in the field. Look for the fluffy white mold on the outside of the stem and the black sclerotia on the inside of the stem. Bag and remove plants as soon as you find the disease.

Leaf spots on cucurbit foliage include scab and Septoria leaf spot. Scab (and angular leaf spot) can cause ragged angular holes in the foliage of summer squash. Scab will also cause small spots on fruit covered with green/gray spores whereas angular leaf spot could also cause fruit problems but they would not be covered with green spores. See: [http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit\\_Scab.htm](http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit_Scab.htm) Septoria leafspot causes small leaf spots often whitish with a brown border and small black fruiting bodies within the spots. See: [http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit\\_Septoria.htm](http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/factsheets/Cucurbit_Septoria.htm)