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### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

(Cambridge) We finally got late blight this past week. It came in on a huge windstorm and has obliterated all of the tomatoes. Wow, it works fast. At least we now know what it looks like. We were unclear if the potatoes had it, but had mowed them down as a precaution mid-August. Now that I have seen it, I am confident the potatoes didn't have it but we did the right thing nonetheless. The Brussels sprouts, leeks and edamame look really good. That is the best thing I can say about the season.

(Royalton) The cherry tomatoes in the hoophouse have actually begun a slow recovery from the blight. All but the hybrid yellow pears are still setting fruit and producing. There are no new lesions on the plants. The horn

Corn earworm trap counts are high in the "hail Mary" corn, powdery mildew is rampant in fall vines. Lateblight in the tomato greenhouses is asserting itself once again but

