

***Receive a Free Pest Management and Identification Pocket Guide!
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The Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group (GLVWG) wants to know what YOU think about pest management in sweet corn! The GLVWG is composed of nearly 150 university research and extension specialists who work in vegetable production in IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, NY, OH, Ontario, Canada, PA, and WI. This group is looking to understand the adoption patterns of pest management tactics of sweet corn growers over the entire region. The research is being conducted by Ohio State University in cooperation with University of Minnesota. By completing this survey, you will help the working group identify future research and educational priorities in sweet corn production for Minnesota and trends throughout the region.

Although the survey is aimed primarily at fresh market growers who are 18 or older, processing growers are also encouraged to take it, though a few questions may not seem appropriate for that production system.

The survey is designed to be completed in about 15 minutes and is divided into 8 short sections, including educational, record keeping, and field oriented activities. There are no questions about annual sales, profitability, or other economic data. There is an opportunity after each section for input if you have comments or additional information to add.

Please know that this survey is voluntary and that any information given will be used to guide future IPM research and Extension program delivery. Your name, home address, or e-mail will not be asked for in this survey. Every effort will be made to protect your responses and your confidentiality. Any public reports of study findings will be based on grouped data and will not reveal individual responses. Results of this study may be used for publications, presentations, or shared with grower groups, industry, or agri-business.

For the first 50 growers who complete the online survey in Minnesota, there is a code at the end of the survey which will allow you to receive a free copy of the just released "Sweet Corn Pest Management and Identification" pocket guide, a \$15 value. This guide contains 100 color pages of insect, weed, disease, and herbicide injury images plus horticultural guidelines. Without the code, you will not be eligible for a pocket guide.

Please contact Deanne Nelson (507-835-3620) at University of Minnesota concerning the sweet corn ipm survey and give her the code displayed at the end of the survey. She will then take your mailing address and send you the pocket guide.

Here is the link to the Sweet Corn Pest Management Survey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=NeTTF3Q19u2AAYGy3K5Xdw_3d_3d

We expect to have the results of this survey summarized by the fall of 2009, and posted on our website at <http://glvwg.ag.ohio-state.edu/>. If you would like more information about the survey, please contact Jim Jasinski, OSU Extension, 937-484-1526 or Jasinski.4@osu.edu.