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Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group

There are currently several levels of participation in the Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group. The listserv contains 150 University specialists and Extension educators who have posted 233 email messages since its inception. The listserv was especially active over this past summer. Their web site is located <http://glvwg.ag.ohio-state.edu> and now has Urchin software in place to track the number of visitors to the site. The web site was developed and placed online March of 2005 and has received over 6328 total hits, 744 unique page views, and 245 unique visitors.

The North Central Working Group's Project Committee has focused on developing the IPM vegetable surveys. On October 27-28, 2005 the committee met in Chesterton, IN to develop and refine the survey questions. The meeting was attended by 12 members of the committee and 5 additional stakeholders, encompassing 6 states plus Ontario, Canada (see list below). Vegetable surveys developed during the meeting included bell pepper, sweet corn, horseradish, processing and fresh market tomatoes, carrots, asparagus, and pumpkins. The surveys have been reviewed and refined extensively by the committee. These surveys are now being reviewed by the stakeholders for additional comments. Once all input is received, the surveys will be presented to the OSU Institutional Review Board for approval. Once approval is received, we will post the surveys online for growers to take at their convenience. Growers will be notified of the survey's availability and location via an article placed in their state pest management newsletter. The timetable for having the surveys available for growers is early January, 2006. Lastly, members of GLVWG are organizing the 2nd annual meeting for February 22nd and 23rd, 2006 at Michigan State University.

Name	Representing, location	Area of Expertise
Janice Leboeuf	Ontario Min. Ag. & Food	Horticulture
Liz Maynard	Purdue University	Horticulture / Weed Mngt
Frankie Lam	Purdue University	Entomology
Hannah Stevens	Michigan State University	Horticulture / Extension
Ed Grafius	Michigan State University	Entomology
Jim Jasinski	Ohio State University Ext.	IPM / Entomology
Joel Felix	Ohio State University	Weed Management
Rick Weinzierl	University of Illinois	Entomology
Karen Delahaut	University of Wisconsin	Horticulture
Carol Pilcher	Iowa State University	Metrics
Joe Masabni	University of Kentucky	Weed Management
Jim Wurth	Grower, Kentucky	Peppers
Curt Utterback	Red Gold, Indiana	Processing Tomatoes
Wayne Wells	Hartung Brothers, WI	Sweet Corn
Terry Meredith	Bay Valley Foods, OH	Peppers
Charlie Orcutt	Consultant, Illinois	Pumpkin
Norm Myers	MSU Extension	Asparagus, Carrots