



TEAM OVERVIEW

The Pacific Northwest Vegetable Extension Group (PNW VEG) formed in 2000. Membership has risen to more than 25 specialists with expertise covering plant pathology, horticulture, entomology, and weed science on a wide variety of vegetable crops grown in the Pacific Northwest. Members represent Washington State University, Oregon State University, University of Idaho, and USDA-ARS.

TEAM GOALS AND DIRECTION

The PNW VEG Team's goal is to serve the fresh market, processing, and vegetable seed industries of the three Pacific Northwest states, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, by providing:

- Strong interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership among vegetable extension personnel.
- Coordination of education and research efforts with a focus on environmentally-sound disease and pest management strategies for regional vegetable concerns.
- Assistance to accurately diagnose disease, pest, and cultural problems.

TEAM ACTIVITIES

- Monthly conference calls each production season to discuss current growing conditions and disease and pest problems encountered.
- Communication between members for diagnostic assistance and research collaboration.
- Development of extension publications, presentations, and other resources for grower education.
- Leadership on many regional disease and pest outbreaks including seedborne issues such as black leg (*Phoma lingam*) on Crucifers.

TEAM OUTCOMES

COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE ▶

mtvernon.wsu.edu/path_team/vegpath_team.htm

Containing a photo gallery of vegetable problems, a calendar of regional vegetable activities, links to vegetable extension publications and other online vegetable resources, and lists of regional plant diagnostic resources.

WORKSHOPS

Vegetables 101. PNW Vegetable Association Meeting (PNVA), 2015. Taking growers back to the basics with plant problem diagnosis, entomology, irrigation management.

Vegetable Disease Diagnosis Workshop. PNVA, 2008, Interactive field problem symptomology and diagnosis exercises.

Leafy Vegetable Diseases Workshop. WSU Mt. Vernon, 2003. Lectures and lab sessions on the identification of common foliar and soilborne Cruciferous and Chenopodiaceous crops.

SUMMARY

The PNW VEG team has been very successful at sharing expertise, identifying newly emerging problems, and making a positive impact on growers' management of significant disease and pest issues facing Pacific Northwest vegetable industries. The shared expertise among members enhances the capacity for individual members to serve their PNW vegetable stakeholders.



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