Hardin County Extension News Release

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Fruit and Vegetable Crop Walk

*Hardin County* — Are you a commercial fruit and vegetable grower who is looking for ways to manage pest issues in your produce? Maybe you raise vegetables in your home garden and have spots on the leaves. Do you have berries growing on your property or fruit trees in your yard that are not producing like they should? Hardin County OSU Extension has planned a fruit and vegetable Crop Walk program on Wednesday, July 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm to help answer these concerns. This program will include an emphasis on fruit and vegetable production. The location of the program will be 2355 Coddington Road, LaRue.

OSU Extension entomologist Dr. Celeste Welty and OSU Extension Horticulture field specialist Jim Jasinski will be presenting information about insect identification and recommendations, along with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques for fruit and vegetable production. OSU plant pathologist Dr. Sally Miller will provide information on managing plant diseases on produce. Dr. Doug Doohan, OSU Horticulture and Crop Science weed specialist will provide instruction on how to better control weeds in fruit and vegetable production, using both conventional and organic methods.

The program will be held outside so bring your lawn chair and umbrella in case of rain. There will be a diagnostic table so be sure to bring along any weeds, plant nutrition problems, plant diseases, and insect specimens in a sealed plastic bag for questions and answers. The program will conclude with a walk through a produce patch and high tunnel greenhouse, pointing out fruit and vegetable issues and steps to properly manage them.