BF106 Vegetable Production for Small Scale Farming

Part III of III

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Advancing the Business of Farming in Connecticut in Partnership with Agriculture Learning Centers
Integrated Pest Management

Using a combination of cultural, biological, mechanical, physical, genetic, and chemical methods to manage pests
Integrated Pest Management

- Proper pest ID
- Gather knowledge about the enemy
- Plan how you will defeat the enemy
- Install preventative control measures
- Scout or monitor pest populations
- Be ready to take curative action
- Modify plan
Diagnostics for Plant Problems

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UConn IPM Website (www.ipm.uconn.edu/): Pest ID Files
Proper pest identification is essential to avoid wasting time and money for years fighting the wrong demon!
Weed Management
Hand weeding sucks
Sometimes it’s necessary
Cover crops between rows
Wire Weeder from Two Bad Cats
Hand tine cultivator
U-Bar Double Wheel Hoe