

GROW YOUR BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN - USEFUL LINKS

(links from NC State Extension unless otherwise noted)

Central NC Planting Calendar for Annual Vegetables, Fruits and Herbs (AG-756)

<http://content.ces.ncsu.edu/central-north-carolina-planting-calendar-for-annual-vegetables-fruits-and-herbs.pdf>

NC Extension Gardener Handbook – chapter 16, Vegetable Gardening

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/16-vegetable-gardening>

Vegetable Gardening: a Beginner's Guide (AG-12)

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/home-vegetable-gardening-a-quick-reference-guide>

First and Last Frost Dates in NC – interactive map and chart

<https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/09/first-and-last-frost-dates/?src=rss>

Soil Testing - Resources and Links (from NCDA&CS and NC State Extension)

<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Soil-Testing-Links-2021.pdf?fwd=no>

Municipal Compost Information - Guilford county locations

<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Municipal-Compost.pdf?fwd=no>

NC Bulk Compost Map (NC Composting Council) - shows sites throughout North Carolina

<https://carolinacompost.com/bulkcompostmap/>

Watering the Vegetable Garden (Clemson): includes info on soaker hoses and drip irrigation

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/watering-the-vegetable-garden>

How to Install Home Garden Drip Irrigation (video, University of Kentucky)

https://uknowledge.uky.edu/bae_present/1/

Fertilizer and Side Dressing Basics (NC State EMG program, Guilford county)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/186cIuHqhIkl89KKuvBPMVCn6kZiEPEDhIGiCcu8miU/edit>

Harvesting Vegetables (Clemson)

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/harvesting-vegetables/>

Handouts from previous “Grow with Us” programs - including Tomatoes, Herbs, Container Edibles

<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/free-gardening-class-materials/>

Best Vegetable Garden - problem solving and resources

Tomato Diseases and Disorders (Clemson)

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/pdf/hgic2217.pdf>

Tomato Insect Pests (Clemson): excellent photos and a table suggesting control options

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/pdf/hgic2218.pdf>

Early Blight of Tomato - Vegetable Pathology Factsheets (NCSU)

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/early-blight-of-tomato>

Cucumber, Squash, Melon & Other Cucurbit Diseases (Clemson)

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/cucumber-squash-melon-other-cucurbit-diseases>

Cucumber, Squash, Melon & Other Cucurbit Insect Pests (Clemson)

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/cucumber-squash-melon-other-cucurbit-insect-pests/>

Homeowner's Guide to Managing Diseases Using Fungicides, Bactericides, and Alternative Products

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/homeowners-guide-to-managing-diseases-using-fungicides-bactericides-and-alternative-products>

Less Toxic Insecticides (Clemson)

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/pesticide/hgic2770.html>

Excluding and Repelling Problem Wildlife from the Garden (Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst)

<https://ag.umass.edu/home-lawn-garden/fact-sheets/wildlife-excluding-repelling-problem-wildlife-from-garden>

Fencing to Exclude Deer - North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

<https://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Mammals/Whitetail-Deer/Fencing-to-Exclude-Deer#42041178-electric-deer-barrier-principles>

Low Cost Deer Fence Alternative (video, University of Maryland)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmIGg786gOk>

Integrated Pest Management and Best Practices

NC Extension Gardener Handbook (IPM Chapter)

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/8-integrated-pest-management-ipm>

National Pesticide Information Center - Integrated Pest Management (Oregon State University, US EPA)

<http://npic.orst.edu/pest/ipm.html>

Plant Disease and Insect Clinic (NCSU, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology)

<https://pdic.ces.ncsu.edu>

Top Ten Tips to Prevent Problems - Grow Strong Healthy Plants

- 1- Select a sunny spot for the vegetable garden (at least 8 hours) with access to water
- 2- Do a soil test and adjust your pH according to the lab's recommendations
- 3- Incorporate organic matter such as compost into the root zone (top 6-12" of soil)
- 4- Grow or purchase quality transplants, and wait for the right soil and air temps before planting
- 5- Give plants enough growing space based on their mature size, and good support to keep foliage clean
- 6- Mulch to reduce fungal disease and weed pressure, and also to regulate soil moisture and temperature
- 7- Supply regular watering if rainfall is lacking, based on the plant's size and stage of growth
- 8- Fertilize carefully: vegetable plants often need supplemental nitrogen, but beware of over applying
- 9- Rotate plants to reduce fungal disease issues, and practice good garden sanitation
- 10- Follow IPM principles - monitor your plants to keep ahead of potential problems, and get a proper diagnosis of any issues before taking action: if action is required, look for the least impactful solutions first

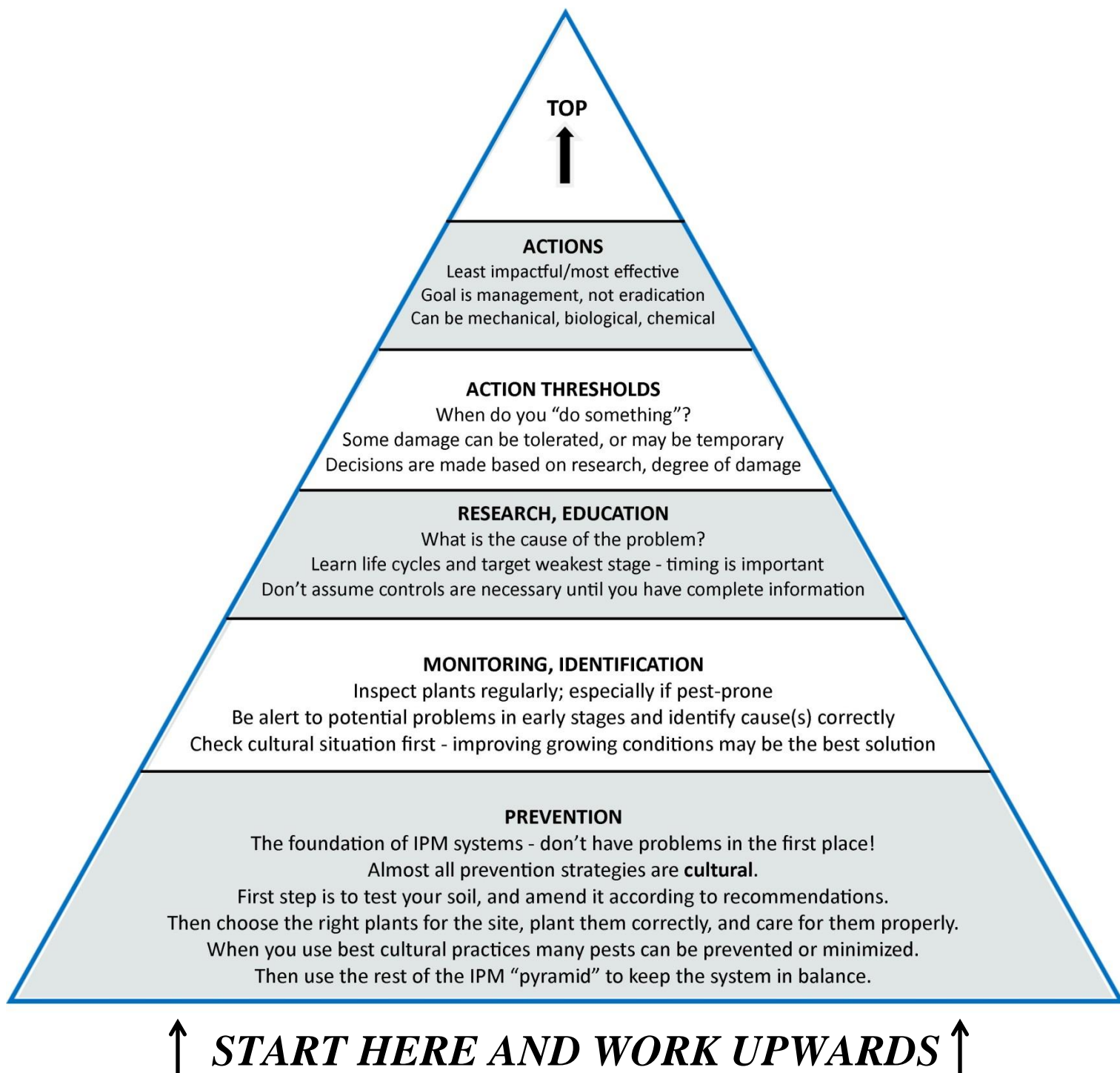
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THE IPM “PYRAMID”

a guide to mindful decision-making for home gardeners



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