1. Full name of your Program Work Team (PWT):

**VEGETABLE CROPS PROGRAM WORK TEAM (VCPWT)**

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4. Please identify your PWT’s activities, accomplishments, and, most importantly, outcomes and impacts over the past year.

Members of the Vegetable Crops Program Work Team (VCPWT) engaged stakeholders through advisory boards, annual commodity meetings and on-farm visits. Advisory boards include the New York Vegetable Research Council and Association, New York State Onion Industry Council, New York State Onion Research and Development Program, New York State Cabbage Research and Development Program, New York State Vegetable Growers Board of Directors, Empire State Potato Growers Association, and ad hoc advisory committees for CCE Educators. Additionally, there are annual meetings with these commodity groups that are held in late fall/early winter to prioritize research for the coming year. These priorities are used in RFP’s from NYS stakeholder associations as well as for other grant programs. Priorities for the NYVRC/A (sweet corn, snap bean, peas, table beets) are also included in the RFP for NE IPM. The stakeholder derived research priorities illustrates to granting agencies that the proposed work is meeting New York stakeholders’ needs. Many members of the VCPWT also engage stakeholders by working with them on applied research projects on their farms.

An annual statewide VCPWT meeting was held to address needs of NY’s vegetable industry as well as provide news about upcoming events on March 31, 2010 in Geneva (15 members attended). Topics covered at this meeting included the following:

1. Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo and plans for '11 – Reiners
2. Update on department mergers. Björkman, Nault, Smart, Seaman
3. Nutrient analysis CNAL to AgroOne – Reiners
5. AFRI grant opportunities for including Extension Educators in plan- Björkman
6. State-wide in-season newsletter progress – Kikkert
7. November Ag In-Service Program. Review of 2009, goals for 2010 – Björkman
8. Individual reports on research projects - all attendees.
The Chair of the VCPWT organized several sessions at the 2010 Ag & Food Systems In-Service Workshop on November 14-16 in Ithaca. All sessions were well-attended and included multiple presentations from Cornell faculty and extension educators (see program following this report). The biggest hit among the Vegetable Sessions was “Newsletter writing.”

The VCPWT, through Steve Reiners continues to work with the New York Vegetable Growers Association in planning and organizing the Empire State Fruit and Vegetable EXPO. Members organized and contributed to many vegetable and soil sessions.

One of the major strengths of the VCPWT is that members interact frequently both informally and formally on research and extension projects. There are many multi-disciplinary projects that will not be discussed in this report, but can be found at Cornell’s vegetable program web http://blogs.cornell.edu/vegcrops/

There is also a website for growers describing the PWTs offerings for clients: www.hort.cornell.edu/extension/commercial/vegetables/index.html

Special Topics and Organizers for the CCE Ag In-Service Vegetable Track
November 16-18, 2010
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**Potato**
Posted in 11/16/2010 A 8:00AM-10:00AM, Vegetables |
Issues facing the potato industry. – Don Halseth ..

**Onions and Garlic**
Posted in 11/16/2010 B 10:30AM-Noon, Vegetables |
Issues facing the onion industry. Note on garlic bloat nematode. - Marie Ullrich, George Abawi and Crystal Stewart ..

**Report From the Southeast Team**
Posted in 11/16/2010 C 1:30PM-3:00PM, Vegetables |
An overview of the Southeast New York vegetable industry, their products and culture. How the CCE educators in the region work together to serve that industry, including their particular areas of expertise.- Marie Ullrich, Teresa Rusinek

**Craft of Extension**
Posted in 11/16/2010 D 3:30PM-5:00PM, Vegetables |
- Dealing with opinionated individuals who dominate workshops, advisory committees, etc. (TBA)
- Dealing with the new requirement to gather diversity info on every program participant? – Sarah Dayton
- How to make and use videos in extension education. – Paul Treadwell.

**Phythophthora Blight**
Posted in 11/17/2010 A 8:00AM-10:00AM, Vegetables |
- Status of disease in cucurbits and what to recommend to growers.-Chris Smart.
- Status of disease in beans and what to recommend to growers. - Helene Dillard.
Insects
- What to expect from Western Bean Cutworm. - Keith Waldron.
- Climate change: insect pressure when every year is like 2010. - Mike Hoffman.
- Swede Midge Information Center website. – Julie Kikkert.
- Economics of deploying natural enemies. -Mike Hoffman

Newsletter Writing: Get the Word Out
Posted in 11/17/2010 C 1:30PM-3:00PM, Vegetables |
Tips and techniques for more effective messaging in print and online. Please bring hard copy of at least one recent short article you’ve written for a short hands-on exercise. Craig Cramer

Cover Crops and Soil Health
Posted in 11/17/2010 D 3:30PM-5:00PM, Vegetables |
Spring management of cover crops for maximum value in improving soil health and crop growth. - Thomas Björkman. Cover crops for root disease management. - George Abawi .

Cucumber Mosaic Virus
Posted in 11/18/2010 A 8:00AM to 10:00AM, Vegetables |
In-depth session on Cucumber Mosaic Virus and relatives. Epidemiology, what growers can do now, what is coming from Cornell to solve the problem. Mark Fuchs, Brian Nault and Steve Reiners .

Weeds
Posted in 11/18/2010 B 10:30AM-Noon, Vegetables |
Solving your most challenging weed problems. - Robin Bellinder