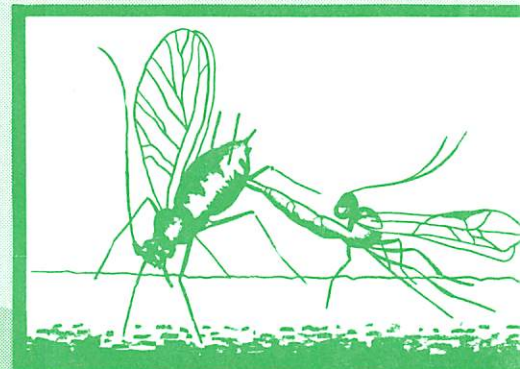


PEST-O-GRAM



March 1, 2016

We need your help. Dr. Michael David Coffey is the Curator of World Phytophthora Genetic Resources Collection (WPC) and also works with powdery mildew on melon. During the 2015 Spring melon season, several of you cooperated in his a project to collect races of cucurbit powdery mildew (CPM) on spring melons. The CPM collected is used in controlled inoculation tests at UC Riverside to screen for the races. CPM races are then cryogenically preserved and stored for use by plant breeders developing melon varieties that resist the various CPM races.

Your assistance is again needed to keep this important project going so that melon growers will have cultivars resistant to CPM now and in the future. All that is required of you is collection of CPM on melons, documenting the field location and date collected or notification of field locations where Dr. Mike Coffey, Dr. James McCreight, a postdoc researcher Nadia Chacko or Eric Natwick can collect the CPM before a fungicide treatment is applied.

Dr. Coffey would like to develop a website for cooperators to see where the various CPM races are showing up during the spring melon season.

If you can help us with this important project please contact:

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