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Pumpkin Growers Invited to View Growing Trial

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is hosting a *Twilight Meeting* for pumpkin and vegetable growers on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Wallkill View Farm in New Paltz. The farm, owned and operated by the Ferrante family, is hosting a trial of thirty new varieties of pumpkins. Conventional and powdery mildew resistant varieties will be on display. Vegetable disease expert Tom Zitter, Cornell University professor of plant pathology, will update growers on the latest and best cultural and pest management practices for pumpkins and vegetable crops. Growers are encouraged to bring samples from their fields, securely wrapped in plastic bags, for identification and discussion. Growers will also learn about least invasive pest management methods from John Mishanec, NYS Integrated Pest Management Program. Two pesticide re-certification credits available. The program is rain or shine and free of charge. Registration forms are downloadable at our website: www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster (click on *Agriculture Programs*) or to receive more information, please call Teresa Rusinek, Commercial Horticulture Extension Educator, 845-340-3990.

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