

Pests, Diseases & Disorders Field Identification Guides



Amongst the most popular resources for vegetable growers in Gippsland, Victoria are a series of Pests, Diseases and Disorders Field Identification Guides. Levy-paying growers, non-levy paying growers, conventional and organic growers have found these useful tools to be informative and helpful in their operations, large and small.

THE GUIDES

There are five guides in the series published during 2014 and 2015. They are:

Ekman J, Tesoriero L and Grigg S, Pests, Diseases and Disorders of Babyleaf Vegetables: A field identification guide, 2014, ISBN 978-0-9925251-0-1

Ekman J, Tesoriero L and Grigg S, Pests, Diseases and Disorders of Brassica Vegetables: A field identification guide, 2014, ISBN 978-0-9925251-1-8

Ekman J and Lovatt J, Pests, Diseases and Disorders of Sweetpotato: A field identification guide, 2015, ISBN 978-0-9925251-2-5

Ekman J, Pests, Diseases and Disorders of Sweet Corn: A field identification guide, 2015, ISBN 978-0-9925251-3-2

Ekman J and Tesoriero L, Pests, Diseases and Disorders of Carrots, Celery and Parsley: A field identification guide, 2015, ISBN 978-0-9925251-4-9

Each guide is produced as a strong, water-resistant paperback, bound by spiral wire and they appear as booklets. The contents are divided into three sections – Insects (and Beneficials), Diseases and Disorders – and the sections are colour-coded. There are many photographs to assist with accurate identification and to a lesser extent, language barriers. A metric ruler features inside the back cover of the 2015 publications, along with a brief 'problem solver'.

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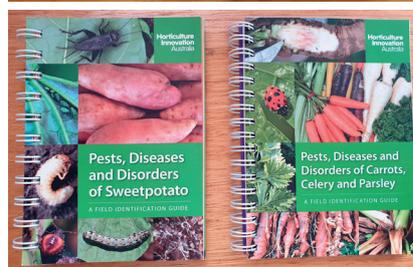
DISTRIBUTION

The popularity of the guides quickly exceeded supply in Gippsland through a variety of extension activities. To ensure ongoing access, a copy of the series was donated to all the libraries across the six local government areas that comprise the Gippsland region. In this way they are available for loan, a less-expensive and more sustainable method of distribution.

Also, the producers of the series, Applied Horticultural Research have developed smartphone applications enabling growers to refer to digital guides while in their fields.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Full copies of the guides are available online at <http://ahr.com.au/news/pest-and-disease-identification-guides-available/> and hard copies may be available from jenny.ekman@ahr.com.au



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