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MA Specialty Crop Grower Priorities

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Major Obstacles

- Climate change •
- Extreme weather events
- Multiple, opposing extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods)
- Protecting infrastructure amidst extreme weather events
- PFAS
- Financing for infrastructure investments

Major Pests

Vegetables

- Brassica head rots •
- Tomato early blight •
- Pepper maggot •
- Nutsedge
- Black rot of brassicas •
- Water molds •
- Bacterial diseases
- Soil-borne diseases •
- Phytophthora blight and fruit rot •
- Diseases associated with saturated soils •
- Mites in high tunnel spinach

Fruit

- Spotted wing drosophila •
- Borers
- Fire blight •

Cranberry

- Cranberry weevil •
- Cranberry scale
- Poison ivy
- Japanese knotweed •
- Tobacco streak virus •

New Technology of Interest

- Robotic weed control
- Drones



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