

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