

INTRODUCING THE NEW SWEDE MIDGE WEBSITE

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A comprehensive website entitled “**Swede Midge Information Center for the U.S.**” was developed in 2010 by Cornell University Extension Educators Julie Kikkert and Christy Hoeping, Professor Tony Shelton and Research Associate Mao Chen to provide information on swede midge, a new pest of cruciferous crops in North America. The website encompasses research results and Extension materials including best management practices that were developed over the past 10 years by the Cornell team and their international colleagues from Canada and Europe. The website can be found at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/swedemidge> or simply use your favorite internet browser to search for “swede midge information center”.

The website features detailed information on:

- Swede midge distribution in the U.S. and Canada
- Biology and life cycle
- Photos of damage symptoms to crops and weeds
- How to scout for swede midge and use of pheromone traps
- Swede midge identification using morphological and molecular methods
- Management of swede midge on farms and in gardens
- Resources including a fact sheet, best management practices guide, narrated powerpoint presentation, powerpoint files for educators to use and a list of references.

We hope you find this website helpful. Please send your comments about the site to Julie Kikkert, jrk2@cornell.edu.

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