NEW PUMPKIN GUIDE RELEASED BY NRAES

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In June the folks at Cornell released a new guide for pumpkin production entitled "Pumpkin Production Guide" by Dale Miles Riggs, a noted pumpkin researcher, and several other contributing authors. It is has been published through NRAES (Natural Resource, Agriculture and Engineering Service) at Cornell, which represents state member interests throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, including Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension.

I recently reviewed the guide, which is a 152 page, 12 chapter soft cover publication with over 115 quality photos and 20 illustrations. It offers up-to-date practical information on pumpkin cultural methods, varieties and pest management. There are some outstanding sections on pollination and maximizing fruit set and yield, as well as good information on handling of pumpkins after harvest and issues related to budgeting and marketing. The color photos that supplement the text make this publication worth the asking price.

The Pumpkin Guide, (pub # NRAES-123), is available from NRAES for $39.00 plus $6.00 S&H (within the continental U.S.). Make checks payable to NRAES; all major credit cards accepted. Contact NRAES for other S&H rates and possible quantity discounts: NRAES Cooperative Extension, PO Box 4557, Ithaca, NY 14852-4557; phone 607-255-7654; fax 607-254-8770; e-mail: NRAES@Cornell.edu; website www.NRAES.org.