

Grafting in High Tunnel Crops

Grafting technology is most commonly associated with crops like grapes and tree fruit but is also being utilized to improve overall health of other crops like tomatoes, cucumbers, and even melons. This issue of High Tunnel Talk will provide general resources about grafting, as well as more specific information about using the technology within high tunnel spaces.

Grafting Vegetables - Is it worth the trouble? Many growers say yes. Amy Garrett with the Small Farms Program at Oregon State University shares a general overview of grafting in this 2011 article, as well as an introduction to the economics of implementing the technology.

<http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/sfn/su11graftveg>

Grafting Technology Can Limit Disease, Salinity, And Stress. Growingproduce.com featured an interview with Ohio State University Extension vegetable specialist, Matt Kleinhenz on March 8, 2012. It highlights advantages, technological improvements, and crops that are well suited for grafting.

<http://www.growingproduce.com/uncategorized/grafting-technology-can-limit-disease-salinity-and-stress/>

Create Stress Free Plants. Rosemary Gordon, with Growingproduce.com, showcases the early grafting work conducted by Kaitlin Horst (author of High Tunnel Talk, vol. 1, no. 10, *Cover Cropping in High Tunnels*) at Steve Groff's Cedar Meadow Farm in Lancaster County, PA in this April 2013 article, in addition to discussing some of the benefits and processes used in implementing grafting.

<http://www.growingproduce.com/vegetables/create-stress-free-plants/>

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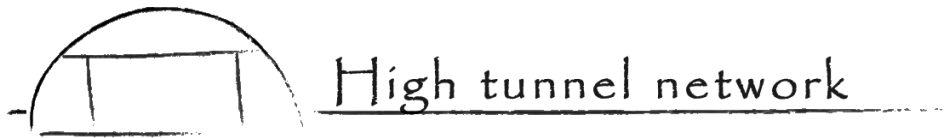
Additional Grafting Resources

Vegetable Grafting, Research-based Information Portal hosts resources such as a Grafting Resource Database, research presentation materials, and information about grafting specific crop types.

<http://www.vegetablegrafting.org>

Hightunnels.org is an online collaboration Kansas State University, University of Missouri, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln, that features a variety of helpful information for high tunnel growers, including links to videos about grafting procedures and recorded webinars.

<http://hightunnels.org/category/organic/organic-insect-and-disease-control/grafting/>



Visit www.hightunnelnetwork.org for additional resources specifically for high tunnel growers.