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Crop Profile for Kale in New Jersey, authored by George C. Hamilton, addresses production and pest management of kale in the Garden State. The document addresses commodity production, cultural practices, and key pests and current management practices for insects and mites, diseases, weeds, and nematodes in kale production in New Jersey.

The document is posted at www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/CropProfiles.htm; it is posted to the Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center website Crop Profile page <http://nepmc.org/CropProfiles/stlistdisplay.cfm> as well as the national Crop Profile database at <http://cipm.ncsu.edu/cropprofiles/cropprofiles.cfm>.

Background: One of the objectives of the New Jersey Information Network for Pesticides & Alternative Strategies (NJinPAS) is to assess impacts of changes in pesticide regulations on agricultural productivity in New Jersey. Crop Profiles and Pest Management Strategic Plans are one of the key ways this information is shared with New Jersey stakeholders, other mid-Atlantic states, the NE Integrated Pest Management Center, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Most importantly for New Jersey, these documents will be utilized by government agencies making pesticide regulatory decisions that will impact agricultural productivity in the Garden State.

Crop profiles prepared throughout the United States are retrievable from a searchable online national crop profile database; see <http://cipm.ncsu.edu/cropprofiles/cropprofiles.cfm>. See the article 'Benefits of Pest Management Strategic Plans and Crop Profiles' (www.pmcenters.org/Southern/CropProfiles/SRPMSPbenefits.htm) by O. Norman Nesheim & Russell F. Mizell, III of the Southern Region Pest Management Center for a more detailed explanation of crop profiles. The USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Education Service Fact Sheet 'USDA Crop Profiles Provide Critical Data on Pest Management' also details their utility; see www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/CropProfiles/csreesCropProfiles.pdf.

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