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MID SEASON PROCESSING TOMATO VARIETY TRIAL FIELD DAY

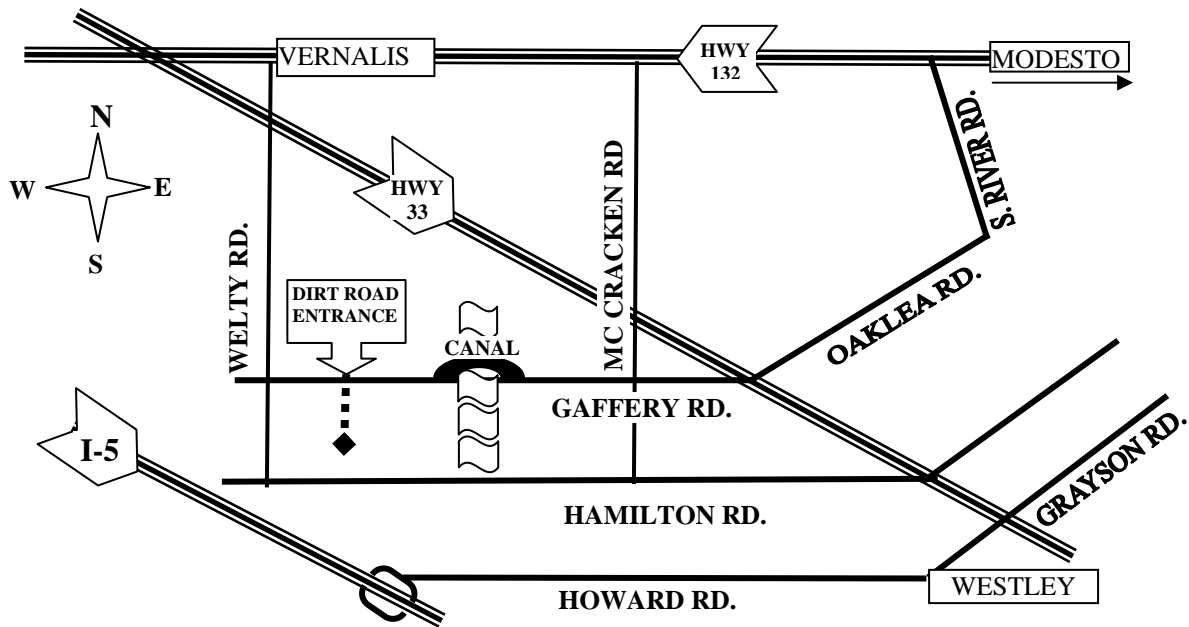
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

This year's variety trial was conducted with the assistance of Bill Alderson and is located in Vernalis (see map). A randomized complete block experimental design was used to evaluate 16 varieties in the replicated trial component. There were 7 varieties in the observational component and included the field variety, H 9665. All varieties were seeded on March 7th. On May 19th, the seedlings were single row transplanted into plots that were one bed in width and 100' in length. The in-row plant spacing was approximately 15". The trial was sprinkler irrigated immediately after transplanting with additional irrigations occurring by sprinkler until furrow irrigation was initiated on June 28th.

The single most important factor affecting this year's trial, as well as plantings throughout the northern San Joaquin Valley, was the extreme July heat. This has presented some pollination problems as well as disease and nematode activity that we will discuss at the field day. The trial will be harvested soon after the field day so take a few minutes to stop by and see how the varieties performed.

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