

**NYS IPM Program**  
**2009 - Beet Research Priorities**

**Highest Priority:**

**Reducing Decay in Beets.** Includes chemical and cultural controls as well as ways to assay fields to determine decay potential.

**Weed Control.** In particular, redroot pigweed, lambsquarters, nightshades, jimsonweed, velvetleaf, ragweed and fall panicum.

**New Products from Beets.** Food or non-food products, especially for utilizing larger beets.

**Seed Quality.** Seed age, germination, and vigor.

**Managing size.** Ways to maximize small beets and minimize large beets, including methods of suppressing large beets, varying spacing, or varieties.

**Stand establishment** – Reduced tillage practices