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#### Getting Started with Barcode-based Digital Data Collection for Vegetable Breeding Programs Part 2 of 3: Planting to Field Observations

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## **Planting to Field Observations**





## Planting Plan Setup

Columns with single heading rows

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## **Translation to Stake**

- Double check longest names because characters can wrap oddly and barcodes expand
- Barcodes will jump between sizes with more incremental options available with higher resolution printers
- If nothing else, avoids writer's cramp and is legible



## Flat Label Printing



- 23mil plastic stakes 3/4" x 5"
  Length will depend on printer
  - (search for horticultural pot labels) \$0.02 per stake rolls of 2,000
- Thermal Transfer ribbon rolls ¼ mile long
- Printer \$3,300 (also printing services)
- Also consider stickers on flats

## **Seedling Flat Observations**



## **Envelope to Greenhouse**

• New seed packet created for planting

- Protects seed stock from water in greenhouse
- Creates internal control of seed sourcing



## **Choice of Field Stakes**

- 1. Wooden stakes
  - + 12" x 1  $^1\!/_8$ " x 0.1" color coated
  - Short to fit under row cover and cultivation equipment
  - Staple tags with plier stapler (labor intensive)
  - \$0.20 each, start to fail after 3 months in the ground



## **Choice of Field Stakes**

- 2. Metal wire stakes with plastic card top
  - 24", 32" or 48" tall, 1,000 stakes weigh 400 lbs
  - Above the weeds, scan standing up
  - Stickers adhere very well
  - \$1.50 each, metal lasts several years
  - Plastic card tops last 3 years, \$0.20 each



### **Scanners**

### Connectivity

Bluetooth or USB

#### Scan type

- 1D laser use with 1D barcodes as ruler
- 2D imager faster, read off screens

#### Format

- All in one PDA
- Connect to tablet







## **Sending Tab Character**

- Advance to next column or row automatically after scanning a barcode
- Scanner comes with a series of codes that you scan to program
- Handheld all-in-one's have settings within scanner software
- Also can set "beep!" volume
- You will probably have to do something similar to pair a Bluetooth scanner (scan barcodes to enter ID)

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# Carriage Return for Excel

- Automatically starts over on next row when scanned last entry
- 1. Right click on sheet tab
- 2. Select "View Code"

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## Carriage return continued

3. Paste this text into window, then close it Private Sub Worksheet\_Change(ByVal Target As Range) If Not Application.Intersect(Columns(5), Target) Is Nothing Then Target.Offset(1, -4).Select

End Sub

4. After the scanner inputs a value in the fifth column, the cursor moves down one cell and left four cells

![](_page_5_Picture_12.jpeg)

Modify as appropriate

· Effectively ready for next plot observation

## **Integrating Digital Images**

Wifi camera and connect to

- Tablet
- smart phone
- your old phone?

![](_page_6_Picture_6.jpeg)

- Consider battery backup
- spare battery, car charger, portable battery

Mount a camera to a window washer pole with 1/4" x 20 bolt \$35

### **Mugshots vs Glamour Photos**

- Your camera will tend to automatically adjust to changing photo composition etc
- Good for individual photo, not for series of many plants
- · Switch from auto to manual mode
- Or at least from multi sampling to spot sampling

![](_page_6_Picture_15.jpeg)

## Set White Balance

- Consider time of day, cloudy or late afternoon best
- Many preset modes
- To set precisely:
  - 1. enter camera into white balance mode
  - 2. snap photo of pure white object in representative lighting
  - 3. details may vary

![](_page_6_Picture_23.jpeg)

### Set Aperture and Shutter Speed

Aperture controls "depth of field" how much of your plant is in focus from near to far and depends on proximity

Shutter speed is needed to control for motion from breeze or unsteadiness of photographer

### Aperture (F stop) before shutter speed

- Small apertures (larger #) allow less light in and have a greater depth of field.
  - for overhead photo of tall plant explore F8-F16
- Larger apertures (smaller #) allow more light and have a shallower depth of field.
  - Think about your pupils after visit to eye doctor
  - For overhead photo of short plant explore F2.8-F4
- Shutter speed normally set second in response to aperture needs

## Setting Exposure

- Switch to spot metering and press shutter down partway of grey card or neutral object
- · Camera will display exposure settings
- Switch to manual mode and enter settings
- Take test photo
- Adjust as necessary

## Setting Exposure (con't)

- If too dark, make shutter speed slower to let in more light (denominator smaller)
- If too light, make shutter speed faster (denominator larger)
- · If whole plant is not in focus, switch to mode A • aka aperture priority mode
- Set aperture to smaller (higher #) and repeat

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