Questions to answer before class

1. Using the Google search engine, see what the University of Florida has to say about the use of soil solarization in vegetable gardens. What is it used for? How do you do it?

2. What herbicides are recommended in the Vegetable Garden Guide for the vegetable garden?

3. Suppose you have a particular disease problem on certain crops in your vegetable garden year after year. What’s the first thing you should consider doing?

4. What pesticides are recommended for disease control in the home vegetable garden? How should they be used?

5. What insecticides are listed for control of aphids in the garden? Which of these is the safest choice?

6. What insecticides are recommended for control of pinworms in tomatoes?

7. What insecticides are recommended for control of stinkbugs?

8. Leafminers are the larval stage of a type of _______ (adult stage). Why are they difficult to control?

9. What type of damage do squash bugs do?
10. What type of damage do leaf-footed plant bugs do?

11. How do you tell the difference between a Mexican bean beetle and a lady beetle adult?

12. How do you tell the difference between Mexican bean beetle larvae and lady beetle larvae?

13. What do lacewing larvae look like?

14. What are some general rules for telling the difference between plant-feeding stinkbugs and predaceous stinkbugs?

15. My peas germinated, but then the seedlings appeared to rot right at the soil level and fall over. What causes this and what can I do about it?

16. So I replanted my peas and they’re now mature plants. But some of them are dying. I look near the soil line and find a lesion on the stem. What’s causing this and what can I do about it?

17. Your tomatoes get dark, rotten areas on the bottom end. What causes this and what can you do about it? What’s the problem called?

18. My young tomato plants have mottled areas of light and dark green on the leaves. The leaves are curled, reduced in size, and malformed. What’s likely to be causing this and what can I do about it?
19. My mature tomato plants are wilting. They’re loaded with green tomatoes. I’ve watered more, but it doesn’t help. What’s going on and what can I do?

20. My tomatoes are not setting fruit. The flowers drop off. What’s the problem?

21. What does the designation VFN after the name of a tomato signify?