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Koike has extensive field and research experience with the diseases of many crops including vegetables, fruits, horticultural commodities, and landscape plantings. In his career as a plant pathologist, he published over 1,130 articles, including more than 400 scientific/peer-reviewed articles. He wrote the widely used 450-page book *Vegetable Diseases: A Color Handbook*. He has presented over 400 talks at grower meetings, extension events, technical workshops, and national/international scientific conferences.

Koike has received numerous awards, including the national Excellence in Extension Plant Pathology award from the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and the Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture Award from the California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA).

Recent Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications

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Awards

1999 Resolution for excellence in service and research. Monterey County Board of Supervisors.
2000 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Extension. California Friends of Agricultural Extension.
2005 Award from the Joseph M. Ogawa Research & Teaching Endowment. UC Davis.
1993, 1998, and 2006 Milton D. & Mary M. Miller Plant Science awards. UC Davis.
2011 Oscar Lorenz Award for meritorious service to the California vegetable industry. UC Davis.
2002 and 2011 Distinguished Service awards for Outstanding Research. University of California.
2013 National Excellence in Extension Award. American Phytopathological Society.
2018 Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture. California Association of Pest Control Advisors.