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Prior to TriCal Diagnostics, Koike was extension plant pathologist with the University of California Cooperative Extension and conducted research and extension activities in California’s central coast region. With the university, he designed and operated the only off-campus diagnostic lab and investigated diseases of vegetable, fruit, and ornamental crops. During his 28-year extension career he published over 1,000 scientific and extension publications, including his 450-page book *Vegetable Diseases: A Color Handbook*. He presented his research at many national and international conferences, gave 374 extension talks, and organized and hosted 88 extension meetings and workshops.

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

**Recent Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications**


**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.


2011 Oscar Lorenz Award for meritorious service to the California vegetable industry. UC Davis.


2018 Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture. California Association of Pest Control Advisors.