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**WEATHER FACTS: Edith Byrne**

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*This year compared to AVERAGE: JAN. GDD: Ahead 10.72 / APR. GDD: Ahead 5.13*

*This year compared to 2011: JAN. GDD: Ahead 6.49 / APR. GDD: Ahead 0.03*

*June 2012 Pcp = 1.67” / 2012 Total Precipitation through 6/19 = 15.06”*

*May 2012 Pcp = 1.95” / 2012 Total Precipitation through 5/30 = 13.39”*

*Rainfall accumulation week of 6/14 through 6/19 = 0.36”*
GRAPE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: Tim Weigle

Timing the next fungicide application

We are starting to get a better picture of the types of crop we can expect from the various vineyard blocks (or areas of blocks) now that we are moving through bloom. With the warm, humid weather and scattered thunderstorm that we have been encountering it is important to continue your disease management program during this critical post bloom period. Remember that the primary inoculum of the four major diseases peaks during the bloom period and is typically expended shortly after bloom. However, to reinforce what Bryan Hed has been writing the past few weeks, with the limited rainfall that we saw during the pre bloom period it is very possible that we have had insufficient rainfall to ensure that all the primary inoculum has been expended at this time. This makes the immediate post bloom spray even more important this year. Make sure you use materials that will cover all four major diseases (Powdery mildew, downy mildew, black rot and Phomopsis) in vineyards where you have a harvestable crop.

One question that has come up at Coffee Pot meetings the past few weeks is how to time the immediate post bloom application. It is helpful to not think of it in terms of immediate post bloom but rather the application that follows my immediate pre bloom spray. This spray should be made 10- to 14-day after the immediate pre bloom application. The interval should be shortened if there were numerous infection periods after the previous application, heavy rainfall has occurred which would remove materials from the leaves, and/or if the materials used in the previous spray require more frequent application.

With the numerous weather stations found on NEWA growers in the Lake Erie region can easily find out what has happened since their last fungicide application in terms of infection periods and rainfall events. Figure 1 below shows grape disease infection events for the Portland (Route 5) station during the period of June 17 - 19. This information can be accessed by following the Grape Diseases link in the Pest Forecasts box on any Station Home Page.

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*Figure 1 (above). Example of Current Grape Disease Infection Events table found on NEWA.*
To determine how many infection events (and judge their severity) since the last time you sprayed, use the Show grape infection events log button under the Disease Management text and you will see a table similar to the one in Figure 2 below.

**Grape Infection Events Log**

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Disclaimer: These are theoretical predictions and forecasts. The theoretical models predicting pest development or disease risk use the weather data collected (or forecasted) from the weather station location. These results should not be substituted for actual observations of plant growth stage, pest presence, and disease occurrence determined through scouting or insect pheromone traps.

**Grape Berry Moth Model on NEWA**

Using a standard of May 24, 2012 as the date of wild grape bloom (biofix) the table below shows where we stand across the Lake Erie Region in terms of degree day accumulation and grape berry moth development.

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As we get closer to the time where insecticides need to be applied (depending on risk classification of the block) it will be important to use the wild grape bloom and station location that best correlates to your area.

At this point in time, there is no action that needs to be taken for grape berry moth management. Scouting vineyard blocks will be the next important step in your grape berry moth management plan so keep accessing NEWA to get the latest model information.

If you have any questions on how NEWA can be used in your vineyard IPM strategy, do not hesitate to get in touch with me at (716) 792-2800 x203 or by email at thw4@cornell.edu.

**IN THE VINEYARD... with Andy Muza**

**Crop Report Reminder**
According to Nancy Lewis (FSA office in Waterford, PA), “Growers are required to file annual crop reports. Annual crop reports are required to qualify for the various subsidy programs. July 16th is the deadline to file their acreage reports, even on perennial crops. Late file fees are $46 per farm. Since this office has no way of knowing what is planted on the producer’s acreage, it’s necessary for the producers to come to the office to file their acreage report. Another option is that aerial photos of the producers’ farms can be emailed to them for completion”.
To avoid a late fee growers should contact their local FSA office to inquire about filing a Crop Report.

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*Flyer is included at the bottom of this update!*
GRAPE CULTURAL PRACTICES: Jodi Creasap-Gee, Ph.D.

I will be out of the office on maternity leave until the first week of August. In the meantime, growers can contact one of the other LERGP team members.

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**COLD-CLIMATE GRAPE FIELD DAY**

**DATE:** Monday, June 25, 2012  
**TIME:** 4pm – 9pm  
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More information at the bottom of this update!

**COFFEE POT MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012  
**TIME:** 10am – 12Noon  
**LOCATION:** Rick Walker vineyard, 2860 Rt. 39, Forestville, NY 14062  
Coffee Pot Meetings are free and no RSVP is required. Come join us and your colleagues for timely discussions about what is happening in our local vineyards!

**NO COFFEE POT MEETING – 4th of July Holiday**

Just a reminder that the offices of the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2012 for the 4th of July Holiday. The office will reopen on Thursday July 5, 2012 with normal hours.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2012: REGISTRATION DEADLINE - 2012 LERGP Summer Growers’ Conference**

**COFFEE POT MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012  
**TIME:** 10am – 12Noon  
**LOCATION:** Leo Hans vineyard, 10929 W. Perrysburg Rd., Perrysburg, NY

**COFFEE POT MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 18, 2012  
**TIME:** 10am – 12Noon  
**LOCATION:** Paul Bencal vineyard, 2645 Albright Rd. Ransomville NY 14131

**2012 LERGP SUMMER GROWERS’ CONFERENCE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012  
**LOCATION:** North East Lab, 662 N. Cemetery Road, North East, Pa 16428  
Registration form link below and at bottom of this Update:
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 11, 2012 / $25.00 fee for Late Registration
Lunch is included with registration.
More Information To Follow As It Becomes Available - Stay Tuned!

2ND NORTH EAST VINEYARD EQUIPMENT SHOW AND DEMONSTRATION

DATE: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 and Thursday, July 26, 2012
TIME: 9am – 4:30pm
LOCATION: Anthony Road Vineyards, 1020 Anthony Road, Penn Yan, NY 14526 on Route 14, between Geneva and Penn Yan

Andrew Landers of Cornell University is hosting a vineyard equipment show and demonstration in the heart of the Finger Lakes grape growing region on July 25th and 26st 2012, at Anthony Road Vineyards, 1020 Anthony Road, Penn Yan, NY 14526 on Route 14, between Geneva and Penn Yan (by kind permission of John and Peter Martini).

Come and meet equipment manufacturers and dealers and see their machines working in a vineyard. Equipment to be shown includes canopy and weedsprayers, electronics for spraying, canopy hedgers and trimmers, tractors, mechanical weeders, leaf pullers/removers, hill ing machines and trellis supplies.

A special theme for 2012 is the “Use of engineering methods to improve pesticide application” to match the SWCD grants in Seneca, Schuyler and Yates Counties.

Pre-registration is required: contact Gemma Osborn at NYSAES, Cornell University, 630 West North St., Geneva, NY 14456.
Email: gro2@cornell.edu  Tel: 315 787 2248, stating which day you will be attending.
Lunch will be available and 4 pesticide credits will be awarded by NY DEC.

TWO WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE: LAKE ERIE WINE TOURISM STUDY RESULTS TO BE RELEASED

DATE: Wednesday, July 25, 2012
TIME: 6:30pm
LOCATION: South Shore Wine Company, 1120 Freeport Rd., North East, PA. 16428

and

DATE: Monday, July 30, 2012
TIME: 6:30pm
LOCATION: CLEREL conference room, 6592 W Main Rd. Portland NY

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Both workshops are open to local businesses who participated in the study as members of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, North East Chamber of Commerce, VisitERIE, Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association, and Lake Erie Wine Country.

Pre-registration is required. To register, email quadri@nyu.edu.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Electronic Crop Update will be Thursday, June 28, 2012

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For any questions or comments on the format of this update please contact Tim Weigle at: thw4@cornell.edu.
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The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program at CLEREL
6592 West Main Road
Portland, NY 14769
716-792-2800
Cold-Climate Grape Field Day

Monday, June 25th, 2012

Agenda

4-6 PM  New and prospective growers “Meet and Greet” with Phil Randazzo of Coyote Moon Vineyards and Dave Fralick of Deerlick Farms.

6-7 PM  Tim Martinson, Kevin Iungerman and Chrislyn Particka, Cornell University: Vineyard walk to discuss the goals of the Northern Grapes Project and view studies that were initiated this year. Tim will also give a short primer on crop size estimation.

7-9 PM  Dinner (provided) and Discussion.
• Mike Hunter, Jefferson County CCE: Worker Protection Standard
• Chrislyn Particka, Cornell University: Northern Grapes Project Resources (Website, Newsletters, Webinars)
• Jim Trezise, New York Wine and Grape Foundation: Importance of grapes and wine to the economy in Northern New York

To Register:

Email Chrislyn Particka (cap297@cornell.edu) or Call the Jefferson County CCE office receptionist at 315-788-8450 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or leave a message.

Please give your name and number attending.

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Note: You will be charged a $25.00 fee for late registration

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LERGP
c/o Kate Robinson
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Portland NY 14769

Questions:
Katie-716-792-2800 ext 201  kjr45@cornell.edu
Kevin-716-792-2800 ext 205  kmm52@psu.edu

Names of additional attendees:
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It’s all about the vista, baby!

_Lake Erie wine tourism study results to be released_

For release: June 14, 2012

AMES, Iowa — An Iowa State University alumnus will present results of the recent Lake Erie Wine Tourism research study later this summer. Donna Quadri-Felitti, a clinical associate professor at New York University Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management who recently earned a Ph.D. in hospitality management from Iowa State, will conduct workshops on how to enhance wine tourism based on the study’s findings. One finding shows it is the region’s vista and scenic beauty that is most prized by visitors.

A native of Erie, Penn., Quadri-Felitti’s research examined the “experience economy” in the Lake Erie wine destination. Made popular by business consultants Joseph Pine and James Gilmore’s best-selling book, “The Experience Economy: Work is Theatre & Every Business a Stage,” the authors’ explain that businesses that create memorable experiences for consumers maintain a competitive advantage.

The study’s results prove that, the “4Es” of the experience economy—education, esthetics, entertainment, and escapist—were found to significantly influence visitors’ future intentions to return to and to recommend the destination. The data revealed visitors value the destination’s esthetics more than any of the other elements.

“Wine country esthetics was measured by the landscape particular to the grape-growing economy, called a winescape—the natural, social and cultural aspects of the setting—experienced during a tourist’s visit,” Quadri-Felitti said. “The region’s esthetic dimension is the one area tourism operators and visitors agreed added the most experiential value to the destination.”

Over 970 visitors to and 180 business operators working in the bi-state wine trail responded to the survey. The study was conducted over the past year as part of a Sustainable Community Grant from the North East Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NE SARE) unit, a USDA-funded program. The researchers determined the typical Lake Erie wine tourist is over 55 years of age — female, college-educated, and relatively affluent — a profile consistent with studies of wine tourists throughout the world.

Ann Marie Fiore, professor and director of graduate education in Iowa State’s Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management and an expert in experiential marketing design’s effect on consumer behavior, is working with Quadri-Felitti on the study. “Successful, sustainable rural tourism, depends on a shared understanding of what consumers value,” Fiore said.

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For more information on this grant and other NE SARE programs, visit [www.nesare.org](http://www.nesare.org).

Key contacts: Donna Quadri-Felitti, phone 917 532-5608, email quadri@nyu.edu
Ann Marie Fiore, phone 515 294-9303, email amfiore@iastate.edu
June 14, 2012

Please publish/ announce the following press release. Should you have any questions, I may be reached at 814-796-6760 Ext 107 or at nancy.lewis@pa.usda.gov.

/s/ Nancy L Lewis, County Executive Director

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