

Finger Lakes Grape Program

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Finger Lakes Vineyard Update

Final Bud Hardiness Temperatures Posted

We completed our final run of buds from across the state on March 27, 2017 and the results are now posted at <u>https://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/extension/bud-hardiness-data</u>. Bill Wilsey will continue collecting buds weekly from the vines at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva until budbreak, however, so you'll still be able to watch the de-acclimation process play out for a few more weeks with those.

Our next newsletter will feature an overview of what we've seen through this project during the 2016-2017 winter... so stay tuned for that! As always, many thanks are due for the New York Wine and Grape Foundation and the Kaplan fund for their financial support of this project, and to the statewide grape extension team for running it.



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Bud Cutting Results Rolling In

In addition to freezing buds from across the Finger Lakes, we've also been cutting them open to see how well they've survived the winter. So far, so good! As listed below, damage at the Teaching and Demonstration Vineyard in Dresden, NY has been almost negligible, with most varieties—even pretty sensitive ones like Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc—showing less than 5% damage. The outlier at the TDV seems to be Riesling, with around 8% (still too low to worry about) of buds dead. We have a feeling this has more to do with poor vine health than with cold temperatures.



Sites from around the Finger Lakes show a bit more variation, but nothing looks too alarming. This fits what we would expect from the bud hardiness testing linked to above. We've included what we've found from buds collected in Sodus, Dundee, Dresden, South Bristol and Branchport.

<u>Teaching and Demonstration</u> <u>Vineyard, Dresden NY</u>

Variety	Bud Mortality
Cayuga	
White	5.3%
Riesling	8.2%
NY 81	2.7%
Chardonnay	2.8%
Chenin Blanc	1.7%
Lemberger	3.8%
Marquis	1.0%
Jupiter	3.0%

West Seneca Lake, Dundee NY

Variety	Bud Mortality
Concord	5.0%
Cab Franc	8.3%
Riesling	13.2%
Cayuga white	10.9%

Lake Ontario, Sodus NY

Variety	Bud Mortality
Riesling	2.0%
Cab Franc	1.9%
Noiret	3.9%

West Canandaigua, South Bristol NY

Variety	Bud Mortality
Riesling	15.1%
Niagara	10.8%
Concord	6.0%

West Keuka Lake, Branchport NY

Variety	Bud Mortality
Concord	8.7%
Riesling	15.3%

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Spring IPM Meeting Firmly Planted on the Calendar

Back by popular demand! We have heard you loud and clear—the Spring IPM meeting is the event of the year! Or, at least, it's a convenient way to get pesticide credits, hear the latest on mildews, and catch up with your neighbors before the season gets too busy. Maybe you just like free food. Whatever your motivation for coming, we hope that you'll make it on **May 23, 4:30-6 PM at Vine Country Farm (Roy Taft's Farm) located at 8907 Stone Road, Pulteney NY 14874.**

Dinner will follow, and is free for FLGP members, but please RSVP on our website (flgp.cce.cornell.edu) or with Brittany at (315) 536-5134. If you'd like to sponsor the meeting, you can sign up to do so through the website as well.



2012 Spring IPM Meeting

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Upcoming Events

Don't forget to check out the calendar on our website (<u>http://flgp.cce.cornell.edu/events.php</u>) for more information about these and other events relevant to the Finger Lakes grape industry.

Finger Lakes Spring Grape IPM Meeting

May 23, 2017 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Taft Farm 8907 Stone Road, Pulteney NY 14874

Join the Finger Lakes Grape Program and your fellow growers in preparing for the season and hearing all of this year's pest management news!

The meeting will be held at the Taft Farm located at 8907 Stone Road Pulteney, NY 14874 on May 23, 2017 from 4:30- 6:00 PM. Dinner will be provided, so please R.S.V.P.

Respirator Fit Testing with Thompson Health

May 11, 2017 8:30am—4:00 PM by appointment Yates County Building Auditorium 417 Liberty Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527 https://flgp.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=294

Annual respirator fit testing and training is now required for any pesticide applicators or handlers that apply materials that mandate the use of a respirator on the label. In order to assist growers in meeting this requirement, we will be hosting a team from Thompson Health that will be available to perform the needed testing for their standard fee. Our hope that this will make meeting the requirement more convenient for growers. More information will be provided in our next update.

If you would like to sign up for a 20-30 minute appointment on May 11th, please register in advance with Brittany at (315) 536-5134.



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Additional Information







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