

CROP UPDATE - JUNE 21, 2018

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Dates of interest:

Wednesday, June 27, 2018- Coffee Pot Meetings (2 per day)

10:00am- Betts' Farm. 7366 E. Route 20, Westfield NY 14787

3:00pm-Beckman Farms, 2386 Avis Dr. Harborcreek PA 16421

CALENDAR

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July 4th! No coffee pot meetings todav-**CLEREL** is closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, July 11, 2018- Coffee Pot meeting

10:00am- CLEREL, 6592 W. Main Rd. Portland, NY 14769

Tuesday, August 7, 2018- LERGP Hopyard Tour-6:00pm-7:30pm at CLEREL, light refreshments

Wednesday, August 15, 2018- LERGP Summer Conference at CLEREL 9:00am-4:00pm

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Business Management

Kevin Martin, Penn State University, LERGP, Business Management Educator

Lumber Prices

While it may not seem like home prices are rising precipitously in this region, I can assure you that national trends reflect increasing home prices. As home prices rise, building activity has increased. Lumber supplies have declined as demand has increased. Not long after demand for lumber shifted upward, tariffs were implemented on lumber imports for Canada. Between demand for lumber and tariffs charged on a major source of U.S. lumber, prices have increased by 50%.



Regardless of source, we are starting to see suppliers roll out higher prices on treated posts. Price increases are as much as 30% for now, with some short term delay in supply. It's possible that prices may retreat somewhat as supply catches up with demand. It's equally likely that high quality large diameter posts will exceed \$10. We were kind of waiting for this to hit grape post supplies. It took a little longer than I anticipated but I want to thank farmers for highlighting rumored changes at the retail level.

I'd say this might be a motivation to switch to steel, but it's equally likely that we will begin to see higher prices on steel posts as prices of steel have been increasing almost as much.

Ten-year t-notes are the benchmark for pricing, basically, all debt held by U.S. businesses and consumers. Nothing gets cheaper than that base rate, unless the rate is some sort of incentive to buy a good. The good news there is that demand for t-notes has retreated a bit. This gives growers more time to lock in any variable rate debt and convert as much debt as possible to a fixed interest rate. Over the long-term it is anticipated that interest costs will rise. Core inflation appears to be rising as companies and consumers access more credit and buy more goods than they have since the 2007 financial crisis. As stated in the newsletter, increases in the cost of servicing debt can undermine vineyard profitability. Fixing interest rates on debt service is a bit of a necessary evil in this market.



IPM

Tim Weigle, NYSIPM, Cornell University, LERGP Team Leader



Grape Rootworm feeding patterns on grape leaf



Abby looking for GRW after the top wire had been shaken to release the insects onto catchframe

Grape Rootworm

TAKE HOME MESSAGE - We are finding grape rootworm in vineyards with a history of grape rootworm. If you have not scouted, now is the time. If you find the chain like foliar feeding of the adults, consider applying an insecticide to limit the population of this pest.

There are a number of active ingredients that can be used for grape rootworm adults at this time of year. Sevin is labeled and Admire Pro, Danitol, Leverage 360 and Sniper are available through FIFRA 2(ee) recommendations. You need to have the FIFRA 2(ee) recommendation in your possession if you use one of these products. They can be found on line at <u>http://lergp.com/ipm/</u>. Check out this week's podcast for more information on our weekly grape rootworm scouting at <u>http://lergp.com/podcasts/</u>.

Grape Berry Moth

TAKE HOME MESSAGE – According to the Phenology based Degree Day model found on NEWA there are no areas where an insecticide application would be effective against grape berry moth populations. The next timeframe for treatment, if necessary, will be 810 DD.

Most areas are forecasted to pick up about 20 DD per day according to the model so we can expect to hit 810 DD around the Fourth of July weekend using the predicted wild grape bloom date from

	Wild grape	DD Total on	Forecasted DD for
NEWA Location	bloom date*	June 21, 2018	June 26, 2018
Versailles	May 29, 2018	479	581
Hanover	May 29, 2018	491	592
Sheridan	May 28, 2018	528	629
Silver Creek	May 31, 2018	407	495
Dunkirk Airport	May 30, 2018	448	542
East Fredonia	May 29, 2018	480	581
Fredonia	May 30, 2018	413	514
Portland Escarp.	May 29, 2018	488	587
Portland	May 30, 2018	460	559
East Westfield	May 30, 2018	452	549
Westfield	May 30, 2018	455	552
Ripley	May 29, 2018	500	602
North East Escarp	May 29, 2018	491	591
Harborcreek	May 29, 2018	507	608
North East Lab	May 30, 2018	478	578
Erie Airport	May 27, 2018	593	697
Lake City	May 29, 2018	500	606
Ransomville	May 30, 2018	468	573
Burt	June 1, 2018	346	439
Somerset	May 31, 2018	416	519
Corwin	May 31, 2018	418	526
North Appleton	June 3, 2018	322	423
* Estimated date prov	ided by NEWA website		

NEWA. For the southern portion of the belt, it appears that the wild grape bloom date provided by NEWA is pretty spot on. However, for the most accurate model results input the observed wild grape bloom date for your region. At the Coffee Pot meeting in Wilson, NY on Wednesday, June 20, we heard reports of Concord bloom occurring early in the first week of June. so it looks like the predicted wild grape bloom might be a little late this year in Niagara County.



In the Vineyard (6-21-18) –

Diseases – If you have not yet applied your 1st POSTBLOOM fungicide application then do so as soon as possible. The 1st POSTBLOOM spray should be applied no later than 14 days, or less if the weather is wet, after the Immediate Prebloom spray. DO NOT stretch spray intervals beyond 14 days during this critical period for protection of the clusters. (Check the NEWA station <u>http://newa.cornell.edu</u> closest to your

vineyard blocks for 5-day weather forecasts and for disease models). Fungicide products which are highly effective against all of our major diseases (Phomopsis, Black Rot, Downy Mildew and Powdery Mildew) should be used.

Powdery Mildew (PM) - Small patches of PM lesions are showing up on leaves in Concord vineyards. This week I am also seeing PM on young Concord berries scattered throughout vineyards (Figure 1).

Downy Mildew (DM) - DM lesions were observed, for the first time this season, on a few leaves in a block of Delaware (Figures 2 & 3). A leaf lesion was also found yes-



Figure 2. Downy Mildew lesion on Delaware leaf. Photo- Andy Muza- Penn State



Figure 1. Powdery Mildew on young Concord terday berry. Photo- Andy Muza- Penn State

table

grape variety in Niagara County, NY. Varieties that are highly susceptible to DM should be monitored to determine if DM is present (see: 2018 New York and Pennsylvania Pest Management Guidelines for Grapes, Table 3.1.2 pages 16 - 17).

Grape Berry Moth – GBM larval webbing was observed in Concord clusters at a few sites in border rows next to woods (Figure 4). GBM Degree Day calculations at NEWA sites across the region show that an insecticide application for the second generation of GBM is still a few weeks away. However, begin checking the GBM Degree Day Model http://newa.cornell.edu/index.php?page=berry-moth at the

NEWA site closest to your vineyards to determine when to spray high risk areas or when to begin scouting low and intermediate risk blocks.

Grape leafhopper (GLH) – I am still only seeing a minimal amount of GLH injury in Erie County, PA but did observe nymphs (immature, wingless stage) on the undersides of leaves for the first time this season. I also received pictures of potato leafhopper nymphs and possible leaf injury (cupping and yellowing of leaves) on wine grapes from a grower in Erie County, PA.



Figure 3. Downy Mildew sporulating on underside of Delaware leaf. Photo- Andy Muza- Penn State



Figure 4. Young Concord berries webbed together by a grape berry moth larva. Photo- Andy Muza- Penn State

North East PA Update

Bryan Hed, Research Technologist, Lake Erie Grape Research and Extension Center

Weather: Storms over the past week have moved our rainfall total to 1.8" for the month of June. We have accumulated about 343 growing degree days during the first 3 weeks of June. We now have 782.5 gdds as of April I, definitely ahead of average. There is rain in the forecast for Friday and Saturday, with temperatures staying somewhat below average over the weekend.

Phenology: The heat last week moved Concord and Niagara through bloom and we are in the midst of that period of early berry development when fruit are most susceptible to all major fungal grape diseases.

Diseases: Infection periods for black rot, Phomopsis and powdery mildew were generated on June 10, 13, and 18-19. Protect your crop with a well-timed post bloom fungicide application. Do not stretch the interval between the immediate pre-bloom and first post bloom spray beyond 14 days (less is better). This is a no brainer; use best materials you can afford, spray every row, bump up gallonage to maximize coverage, etc. After the first post bloom spray, reassess your situation by scouting and closely watching the weather forecast. Black rot infections that slipped through your spray program with the recent rain will become manifest about 14 days after the infection period, and stay vigilant if conditions remain wet. If scouting reveals that you have black rot leaf infections, keep spray intervals to a minimum throughout the susceptibility period, or fruit loss is likely to occur. Black rot leaf lesions, especially on leaves at nodes in the fruit zone, are potent sources of inoculum for fruit infections.

Downy mildew has been observed by Andy Muza at one location which means that at least in some places, conditions for an infection period have been met and disease cycles are afoot. If conditions remain wet, we will likely see it pop up in other locations as well. If conditions dry out, it may retreat and lay low until rainfall returns. Varieties susceptible to downy mildew (like Niagara) can be subject to fruit loss from this disease for about a month after bloom, and both Concord and Niagara fruit can get hit with black rot for about 4-5 weeks after bloom. If you do a good job controlling these diseases through the early fruit development period, we may be able to ease up on the fungicide applications if conditions dry out.

PA VinES

There is a new program available to grape growers in the Lake Erie Watershed. PA VinES (Vested in Environmental Sustainability) is a voluntary program that promotes sustainable viticulture practices through a grower self-assessment workbook. The workbook looks at the economic and environmental impacts of grape production on each operation and serves as an educational resource for the grower. After completing the workbook, the participant is eligible to apply for available Growing Greener grant funds to install best management practices on their operation, such as cover cropping and stabilized access roads. The goal of the program is to reduce the environmental impact of the approximately 10,000 acres of vineyards in the region by limiting the amount of sediments and excess nutrients that enter our waterways. Contact the Erie County Conservation District (814-825-6403) for your free workbook to get started!





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2018 Application Period - Erie County Farmland Preservation Program

The County of Erie is a proud participant in Pennsylvania's nationally recognized farmland preservation program. With the support of interested landowners, the program helps to permanently preserve farms for agricultural production. It helps to guarantee a future food supply and contributes to a healthier economy. It also assures that a way of life cherished by many Erie County residents will continue for generations to come.

This program is voluntary. In order to apply for the agricultural land conservation easement program, a landowner must complete and submit an application. Through the program, permanent easements are purchased. Landowners remain in possession of the land, but the easement limits subdivision, nonagricultural development and other uses inconsistent with commercial agriculture.

The Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board will be accepting applications from June 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Applications may be obtained from the Erie County Department of Planning, or from the department's website, <u>https://www.eriecountypa.gov/county-services/county-offices/planning-department/farmland-preservation/farmland-preservation-overview.aspx</u>

For more information, contact John McGranor at (814) 4517329 or jmcgranor@eriecountypa.gov.

Completed applications should be submitted to:

The Erie County Department of Planning 150 E. Front Street, Suite 300 Erie, PA 16507



Subscriber information

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Select eNEWA Delivery Times (write in times below) Delivery requests should be on the hour.



LERGP 2018 COFFEE POT MEETING SCHEDULE

Date Time	e Location	Address
May 2, 2018 10:	00am Clover Hill Farm	10401 Sidehill Rd. North East PA 16428
May 9, 2018 10:00	0am Ann & Martin Schulze	Winery 2090 Coomer Rd. Burt NY 14028
May 16, 2018 10:	00am Sprague Farms	12435 Versailles Rd. Irving NY 14081
May 23, 2018 10:	00am NE Fruit Growers	2297 Klomp Rd. North East PA 16428
May 30, 2018 10:	00am Double A Vineyards	10277 Christy Rd. Fredonia NY 14063
June 6, 2018 10:	00am Fred Luke Farm	1755 Cemetery Rd. North East PA 16428
June 6, 2018 3:00	0pm Thompson Ag Corr	ner of Hanover and Dennison, Silver Creek NY 14136
June 13, 2018 10:	00am Jim Vetter Farm	12566 Versailles Rd. Irving NY 14081
June 13, 2018 3:0	00pm Jerry Chessman Farm	11725 Middle Rd. North East PA 16428
June 20, 2018 10	:00am Duane Schultz	3692 Wilson Cambria Rd. Wilson NY 14172
June 20, 2018 3:0	00pm Brant Town Hall	1272 Brant Rd. Brant NY 14027
June 27, 2018 10	:00am Betts Farm	7366 East Route 20 Westfield NY 14787
June 27, 2018 3:0	00pm Beckman Farms	2386 Avis Dr. Harborcreek PA 16421
July 11, 2018 1	0:00am CLEREL	6592 W. Main Rd. Portland NY 14769

- July 18, 2018 10:00am Tom Tower Farm
- July 25, 2018 10:00am Ziesenheim
- 8760 W. Lake Rd. Lake City PA 16423

759 Lockport St. Youngstown NY 14174



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LERGP Links of Interest:

Go to http://lergp.cce.cornell.edu/ for a detailed calendar of events, registration, membership, and to view past and current Crop Updates and Newsletters.

LERGP Web-site: http://lergp.com/

Cornell Lake Erie Research & Extension Laboratory Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Cornell-Lake-Erie-Research-and-Extension-Laboratory-678754995584587/?fref=ts

Efficient Vineyard Web-site: https://www.efficientvineyard.com/

Table for: Insecticides for use in NY and PA: http://lergp.cce.cornell.edu/submission.php?id=69&crumb=ipm|ipm

Crop Estimation and Thinning Table: http://nygpadmin.cce.cornell.edu/pdf/submission/pdf65_pdf.pdf

Appellation Cornell Newsletter Index: http://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/appellation-cornell/

Veraison to Harvest newsletters: http://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/veraison-to-harvest/index.cfm

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