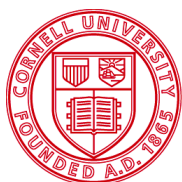




## Lake Erie Regional Grape Program



**Cornell University**  
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**PennState Extension**

## Crop Update January 10, 2019



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# Welcome to the New Year!



## Upcoming dates of interest:

**Martin Luther King Holiday- Monday, January 21, 2019**  
**-CLEREL closed**

### **Grant Proposal and Reporting meeting- Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at CLEREL**

*A project reporting session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the Cornell Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory located at 6592 West Main Rd. Portland, NY. This location will serve as the main location with a satellite location at the Geneva NYSAES station. The meeting will begin at 10:00am and run until approximately Noon. Updates on projects funded by the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program Research and Extension Program, Inc., New York Wine and Grape Foundation, and New York Wine Grape Growers Association, will be presented, as well as, short presentations on proposed new projects.*

*The meeting format is designed to encourage discussion between those who are conducting or proposing projects, the funders, and the grower community by limiting presentations to 5 minutes and eliminating the use of visual aids.*

### **B.E.V NY February 27- March 1, 2019 in Rochester**

### **Winter Grower Conference- Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at SUNY Fredonia William's Center**

Register Now! online: [https://lergp.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_preregistration.php?event=388](https://lergp.cce.cornell.edu/event_preregistration.php?event=388) or mail the form on page 4.

## 2019 Lake Erie Regional Grape Program Growers' Conference Tentative Agenda

7:00 AM	Tradeshow set up begins
7:30 AM	Registration and Tradeshow open
8:20 AM	Welcome
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Succession Planning <i>Kevin Martin, LERGP, Penn State University</i>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Land As Your Legacy Nationwide Insurance – Sponsored by NY Farm Bureau
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Alternative Weed Management Practices <i>Bryan Brown, NYS IPM Program, Cornell University</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	NEWA Updates and Resources for Lake Erie Grape Growers <i>Dan Olmstead, NYS IPM Program, Cornell University</i>
11:30 – Noon	Spotted Lanternfly – An Invasive Threat to the Lake Erie Grape Industry <i>Heather Leach, Department of Entomology, Penn State University</i>
Noon – 12:30 PM	New York State's Response to Spotted Lanternfly <i>Ethan Angell, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets</i>
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Visit Tradeshow
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Vineyard Nutrition <i>Terry Bates, CLEREL, Cornell AgriTech, Cornell University</i>
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Roll out of new Efficient Vineyard Website and overview of Efficient Vineyard resources <i>Heather Barrett, NYS IPM Program, Cornell University</i> <i>Nicholas Gunner, Orbitist</i>
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Efficient Vineyard Grower Panel 5 growers who have participated in the Loaner Sensor Program – Kevin Martin would be the moderator
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Disease Management Update, Tips for Resistance Management <i>Bryan Hed, LERGP, Penn State University</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	GBM Management – Was 2018 as different as we think? <i>Andy Muza, LERGP, Penn State University</i>
4:00 PM	Adjourn



# LAKE ERIE REGIONAL GRAPE PROGRAM

## 2019 GRAPE GROWERS' CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

SUNY Fredonia Williams Center

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

**Deadline for registration is Friday, March 1, 2019.**

**Name** (1<sup>st</sup> attendee) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Farm Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address, City, State, Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you enrolled in Lake Erie Regional Grape Program (LERGP)?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEES	
LERGP Member 1 <sup>st</sup> attendee	\$ 50.00
Additional attendee on same farm	\$ 40.00
Non- member	\$100.00

### **Additional Attendees:**

	\$
	\$
	\$
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	\$

\*Please add a **\$25.00 late fee** for each reservation made after March 1, 2019

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **LERGP (Lake Erie Regional Grape Program)** and mail to:  
(US funds only)

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **NY DEC/PA PDA NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Date Ck. Rec'd</u>	<u>Amount</u>

Call Kate at 716-792-2800 ext 201 with any questions.

# Business Management

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

## Vineyard Improvement Program: An Application Guide

You can apply for the Vineyard Improvement Program (VIP) at <https://lergp.com/vip-application/>. LERGP.com also has more information about the program. Frequently asked questions, eligibility requirements, sample budgets and business plans are all available.



Figure 1: LERGP.com homepage with quick access to vineyard improvement program information.

Applications are available for download or at CLEREL in hard copy. However, applications may be submitted directly at [lergp.com](https://lergp.com) for quick submission and review.

Submission requires approval of business/ipm plan. The plan need only include enterprise information related to the project not the entire business operation. This simplified business plan gives us the information we need to make sure the vineyard removal is in the best interest of the grower or neighboring

vineyards. If you need more information on enterprise budgeting check out the harvest newsletter (2018). The business plan at [lergp.com](https://lergp.com) also has a sample available for pdf download.

So far, applications, budgets and plans have been coming in with very good information and most applicants appear to qualify for the program. The primary eligibility hurdles that might prevent you from receiving funding are:

1. Vineyard location – Must be in eligible county
2. Work date – Vineyard removal must be after April 12, 2018
3. Vineyard variety – Vineyard to be removed must be Concord
4. Cost – Grower must have adequate capital as funding is limited to \$1,500 per acre and most projects significantly exceed that amount. Maximum funding requires cash and/or non-cash match by grower.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the LERGP team. A site map must be submitted or completed to produce a GIS record of acreage impacted by VIP projects. Team members will also complete before and after site visits of properties participating in the program.

If you have any questions not answered by the website please let us know.



# Vineyard Improvement Program is accepting applications!

As a part of the Vineyard Improvement Program proposed at the Concord Grape Summit in April 2018, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, through the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program, invites applications from owners of vineyard operations who are interested in removing unwanted Concord vineyards in order to replant grape varieties or other agricultural crops.

New York State has pledged to invest more than \$1.35 million to help Concord grape growers renovate vineyards, plant new vines or diversify vineyard operations. The Concord grape industry has always been an integral part of the economy, in both the Lake Erie and Finger Lakes regions, by providing quality grapes for processing into juice, jams, jellies and sweet wines. Grape production is an important foundation of the economy of Chautauqua County and the Concord industry is the economic backbone of the towns and villages in the Lake Erie region. This program aims to strengthen the grape industry by encouraging the elimination of abandoned Concord vineyards which are a reservoir of disease and insect pests, and establishing healthy agricultural crops, be it Concords, other grape varieties, or another agricultural commodity.

The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program (LERGP) will be the point of contact for those interested in participating. Staff from LERGP will visit those vineyards proposed for the program and will be able to assist growers with developing a business plan and budget that are required for the application. In addition, LERGP staff will provide information to growers to help them to decide the best plan moving forward.

This program is open to vineyard operations in the Southern Tier Region of New York State which includes: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Erie, Niagara, Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga counties.

Interested parties can visit [[lergp.com](http://lergp.com)] for more details and to begin the application process. If approved, the state will reimburse the grower up to \$1,500 per vineyard acre, not to exceed \$50,000 per applicant. Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted until October 2022.



# PA Update

Andy Muza, Extension Educator, Penn State



## Erie, Crawford and Mercer Counties in Pennsylvania:

### Get Ready for CHEMSWEEP 2019!

CHEMSWEEP provides Pennsylvania farmers and other licensed pesticide applicators with a means to dispose of canceled, suspended or unwanted pesticide products. Through CHEMSWEEP, applicators can legally dispose of unwanted pesticides, generally at little or no cost. Almost all the waste pesticides collected are burned in EPA-approved incinerators. The remaining pesticides are treated and placed in EPA-permitted hazardous waste landfills.

CHEMSWEEP has collected over 2.6 million pounds of unwanted pesticides through 2018! CHEMSWEEP operates in a selected number of counties each year. Licensed farmers, professional pesticide applicators and pesticide businesses in the counties selected for that year are eligible to participate. Erie, Crawford and Mercer Counties certified pesticide applicators are eligible for CHEMSWEEP in 2019! **Simply complete the CHEMSWEEP inventory form and return to the address shown by the deadline of February 28.** Not sure what something is? A Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) representative can come to your location and take a small sample to have it identified at no cost to you.

Each pesticide inventory received from farmers or other licensed applicators will be verified by a PDA inspector. PDA will then work with a waste disposal contractor to schedule the collections, which usually take place from July through October. CHEMSWEEP will cover the cost of the first 2,000 pounds per participant.

Only pesticide products that are or have been registered for sale or use in the Commonwealth will be accepted in this program. These materials are classified as Universal Waste Pesticides and will be collected, packaged, transported and disposed of in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. The PDA contractor will become the generator of record for your waste pesticides at the time of collection.

Need a CHEMSWEEP inventory form? You can download the form from:

**[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/PlantIndustry/Documents/HBG%20Chemsweep%20Form%20AI%20%209-16-15.pdf](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Documents/HBG%20Chemsweep%20Form%20AI%20%209-16-15.pdf)**

**OR** Contact the Erie County Extension office, and we will mail it to you by calling (814) 825-0900; or email us at **ErieExt@psu.edu** and request the form to be either mailed or emailed back to you.

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