



Cornell Cooperative Extension Finger Lakes Grape Program

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Finger Lakes Vineyard Update

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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
FINGER LAKES GRAPE PROGRAM*

All of us with the Finger Lakes Grape Program want to thank each of you for your support of our work on behalf of the industry this past year. We will be on holiday break from December 25 – January 1. We wish you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season. – Hans, Don, and Brittany

Statewide Grape IPM Position Needs Your Support

On November 4, our statewide grape IPM specialist, Tim Weigle, retired from his position with the NYS IPM program and the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program. In his 30-year career as a NYSIPM Specialist, Tim co-edited the annual NY/PA Pest Management Guidelines for Grapes, instituted NEWA models for pest management, led research and education on grape root worm, Japanese beetle, and grape berry moth. Tim has also stayed in the forefront of invasive species such as the multicolored Asian lady beetle and the spotted lanternfly.



The IPM Program has informed us that there are currently no plans to refill the grape IPM position, and the future of the position is uncertain due to funding constraints. Meanwhile, there continues to be a critical need for grape integrated pest management in New York. We have researchers who work on grapes in entomology, plant pathology, virology and weed science, but the importance of having somebody who pulls all of that information together (“integrates” it, if you will) into a system that is useful and practical for growers cannot be underestimated (in my opinion). The need for this kind of function is only increasing in an era with a changing climate and the impacts that has on pest biology and management practices in the vineyard.

In order to communicate the importance of this position for the industry and for its funding going forward, I’m asking Finger Lakes growers to consider writing letters to the following individuals in support of increasing funding for Agricultural IPM.

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The most effective message to communicate to these people will be how important the IPM program has been for your vineyard operation in the past and moving forward into the future. Examples might include information from the IPM Guidelines that has helped your spray program, or if you have been able to reduce spray applications due to information from the weather models on NEWA.

Many of you have written letters like this before, including in support of refilling the grape pathology position that Katie Gold will fill beginning in February. So we have seen that doing this can make a difference in the eventual outcome.

Thanks for considering this, and for your support of the people and programs that are working to keep grape growing a strong component of New York agriculture.

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FLGP Enrollment in 2020

The end of the year means that it will soon be time to renew your enrollment for the 2020 growing season. I wanted to make everyone aware of a change that we have made in how the enrollment process is done, or rather, who will be doing it.

Enrollment is a requirement of the county extension associations that the FLGP partners with – Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates – in order for growers to receive the FLGP newsletters and other information from us. For the past 10 years or so, we have run the enrollment process on behalf of the counties, so all of the forms and payments came to one location – our office in Penn Yan. Beginning in 2020, each county will be responsible for the enrollment process for their own growers in their county. What this means is that instead of receiving forms and sending payments to the Finger Lakes Grape Program, you will work with your individual county extension associations to enroll in the FLGP. If you are located outside of those six counties mentioned above, you will still enroll through our office in Penn Yan.

There will be no fee increase associated with this, or any other significant changes that will impact growers. There will just be different offices handling the enrollment process depending on which county you farm in. Contact information for each of the county extension offices is listed below.

<u>CCE of Ontario County:</u> 480 N Main St Canandaigua, NY 14424 (585) 394-3977 http://cceontario.org/	<u>CCE of Schuyler County:</u> 323 Owego St # 5 Montour Falls, NY 14865 (607) 535-7161 http://cceschuyler.org/	<u>CCE of Seneca County:</u> 9 E Main St #308 Waterloo, NY 13165 (315) 539-9251 http://senecacountycce.org/
<u>CCE of Steuben County:</u> 3 E Pulteney Square Bath, NY 14810 (607) 664-2300 http://putknowledgetowork.org/	<u>CCE of Wayne County:</u> 1581 NY-88 Newark, NY 14513 (315) 331-8415 http://ccewayne.org/	<u>CCE of Yates County:</u> 417 Liberty Street, Suite 1024 Penn Yan, NY 14527 (315) 536-5134 http://yates.cce.cornell.edu/

If you farm outside of these six counties and wish to enroll in the FLGP, please contact the Yates County CCE office.

Updated Tools to Help New York Farmers Manage Overtime Regulations

On January 1, 2020 New York farms will be required to pay overtime wages (1.5 times the 'regular rate of pay') for nearly all employees that work over 60 hours a week. Researchers and extension educators from Cornell University Agricultural Workforce Development, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cooperative Extension and PRO-DAIRY, have developed several tools to help New York farmers manage through these changes.

Our [spreadsheet tool](#) is designed to help farm managers estimate how much overtime they would have to pay under their current employee work schedules. The tool can also be used to estimate costs of new work schedules. To use the tool you will need to know current compensation levels and work schedules. Worksheets are provided to collect or calculate that information in advance, if it is not readily available.

A new extension bulletin "[Adapting Your Labor Strategies to New York's Revised Farm Labor Employment Laws](#)" discusses the pro and cons of various management strategies that farmers may consider in response to the new overtime rules. The guide does not make recommendations, but details the positive and negative implications of changes to work schedules, employee policies and farm expenses.

Visit agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/overtime to download these tools or contact Jennifer Ifft (jiff@cornell.edu) or Richard Stup (rstup@cornell.edu) for more information.

2020 Pesticide Training and Recertification Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County will once again be offering pesticide training and certification exams this winter. Information on the courses and exam is below. Further questions can be addressed to Russ Welser (rw43@cornell.edu) or Nancy Anderson (nea8@cornell.edu), or at 585-394-3977.

Date: *Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020; Exam Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Time: *7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Exam: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm*

Location: *Cornell Cooperative Extension-Ontario County, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424*

Cost: \$175.00 for certification which includes the training manuals and all 4 classes. Does not include the \$100.00 exam fee. Recertification is \$25.00 per class.

Contact for Info/Registration: Cornell Cooperative Extension-Ontario County, 585-394-3977 x 427 or x 436 or email nea8@cornell.edu or rw43@cornell.edu Registration form is available on the website www.cceontario.org

Anyone interested in obtaining a pesticide certification and meets the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) experience / education requirements **OR** current applicators seeking pesticide recertification credits should attend. The DEC has approved 2.5 recertification core credits for each class.

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Additional Information

Become a fan of the [Finger Lakes Grape Program on Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter \(@cceflgp\)](#) as well as YouTube. Also check out our website at <http://flgp.cce.cornell.edu>.

Got some grapes to sell? Looking to buy some equipment or bulk wine? List your ad on the [NY Grape & Wine Classifieds website](#) today!

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