CROP UPDATE
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Announcement!

Pesticide Applicator Course and Exam and CORE Credit Opportunity

We have had growers reach out to inquire where they can get their pesticide applicator license and others have requested how to get CORE credits. I have been working diligently with the New York State Department of Conservation to set up courses. The NYSDEC will be holding a course on May 12, 2022 at the Cornell Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory in Portland, NY. The presentation will have CORE credits attached to it and it will also serve as a prep course for the certification exam.

On May 19th, 2022, at 9:30 AM, the NYSDEC will return to CLEREL to offer the pesticide applicator certification exam to those interested. Below is the information sent to us by the course instructor and we will provide more details as they develop:

How To Get Certified & Regulatory Updates Presentation

This presentation will discuss the requirements for becoming a certified pesticide applicator as well as the certification exam process. We will also discuss pesticide regulations, pesticide product registration updates, and the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS). Recordkeeping and WPS informational handouts will be available. This presentation will provide NYSDEC recertification credits in Core, total credits to be determined.
Dear Wine and Grape Industry Members,

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) threatens the grape and wine industry. However, we have not formally collected evidence on SLF impacts on the grape and wine industry regarding yield loss, management costs, potential business reputation loss, and industry outlook.

With your help, this survey aims to fill this gap and collect data on SLF’s actual costs to grape and wine industry members.

Even if your vineyard or winery is not impacted, please fill out the survey.

You can access the survey here: https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b1I8lGq5cZxQMl0

If you have questions about this survey, please contact Claudia Schmidt (czs786@psu.edu).
NEWA
Great news in Niagara county! We were FINALLY able to replace the Rainwise station in Ransomville. That was our oldest station in the region, set up in May 2006. The station had been slowly dropping sensors that were not worth replacing without replacing the entire station. The new Rainwise station was set up on Friday, April 8th and is sending data like a champ! By the time you are reading this article the station should be available with true data on newa.cornell.edu. Search Ransomville in the station search bar. If the data is in yellow boxes it is still estimated and the data feed has not been linked yet but should be soon.

We will be replacing the Silver Creek station next week. This is another station that has been around for a while. It was set up in December 2011. Rainwise stations are a nice compact station that is ready to go right out of the box, but they don’t last forever. The company recommends replacing them after just 5-10 years to ensure that the data being collected is accurate. For the most part we have found that they do very well for about 10 years, but then there is often a cascade of sensors that start failing. This station has had some troubles through the years, so we decided to try an Onset HOBO station to replace it. This will be a cellular unit but will transmit the same type of data and shouldn’t look any different when you search the Silver Creek station on newa.cornell.edu. It will be our fourth HOBO station in the region. The others are: Brant, Portland (LERGP West), and Sheridan. In addition the Silver Creek (Double A Vineyards) is a HOBO station that is accessible on the NEWA website.

It is our hope that with these upgrades you will have access to accurate data that will provide helpful models for your vineyard operations. As always, if you notice that the data does not seem quite right, please contact Kim at ksk76@cornell.edu so we can check it out.

VIP
This month marks 6 more months that we will be accepting applications for the Vineyard Improvement Program, applications will be accepted until October 2022. That remaining year allows you the time needed to get the project completed and the necessary paperwork submitted so we can get your reimbursement processed.

Kevin and Kim recorded a podcast this week about the program. You can watch it by clicking
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2022 LERGP Coffee Pot Meeting Schedule

April 27, 2022 10:00am  Arrowhead Winery 12073 East Main St. North East, PA 16428
May 4, 2022 10:00am  Militello’s Farm Supply 2929 Route 39 Forestville, NY 14062
May 11, 2022 10:00am  John Mason, Mason Farms Virtual Zoom Meeting 8603 West Lake Rd. Lake City, PA 16423
May 18, 2022 10:00am  Andrew Nichols 1850 Ridge Rd. Lewsiton, NY 14092
May 25, 2022 10:00am  Alicia & Zach Schneider 771 Bradley Rd. Silver Creek, NY 14136
June 1, 2022 10:00am  Knight Farms 18 Shaver St. Ripley, NY 14775
June 8, 2022 10:00am  TrolleyLine Vineyards Virtual Zoom Meeting 12029 Middle Rd. North East, PA 16428
June 15, 2022 10:00pm  Dan Sprague Farm 12435 Versailles Rd. Irving, NY 14081
June 22, 2022  NO COFFEE POT MEETING
June 29, 2022 10:00am  Betts’ Farm 7365 East Route 20 Westfield, NY 14787
July 6, 2022 10:00am  Paul Bencal Farm 2645 Albright Rd. Ransomville, NY 14131
July 13, 2022 10:00am  Liberty Winery Virtual Zoom Meeting 2861 Route 20, Sheridan, NY 14135
July 20, 2022 10:00am  Beckman Farm 2386 Avis Dr. Harbor Creek, PA 16421
July 27, 2022 10:00am  Arrowhead Spring Winery 4746 Town Line Rd. Lockport, NY 14094

Virtual Coffee Pot Meetings Registration:

If you take a look at the coffee pot schedule, you will notice that we have 3 virtual coffee pot meetings scheduled in addition to our in person meetings. They will be in the evenings on the second Wednesday of the months. If you are planning on attending and receiving pesticide credits, you must register on our web-site. In addition to registering, you must supply a copy of your license, date of birth and phone number to me at kjr45@cornell.edu.

The team is excited to be and about visiting the growers during this growing season. We hope that you can come out and join us for some of these meetings.
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