

Cornell Cooperative Extension Finger Lakes Grape Program



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Finger Lakes Vineyard Update

B.E.V. NY Registration Open

Tuesday, March 5 – Wednesday, March 6, 2024

[Hotel Canandaigua](#), Canandaigua NY

Register now at <https://www.bevny.org/register>

At long last! The wait is over! Our long cold winter is at an end!

(No it's not, what are you talking about?)

I'm talking about registration for the annual B.E.V. NY conference!

This year's conference will once again be packed with important information on business, enology and viticulture for the New York grape and wine industry. It's also going to be packed because we've shrunk the program down to two days instead of our regular three days, which hopefully will make it more feasible for folks to participate in the entire conference. Unlike the past few B.E.V. conferences, there will be no online option to participate this year. You'll have to be there or be...well, choose your own shape, but you'll be missing out!

We will be highlighting some of the presenters and sessions as we get closer to the date, but you can see the full program (which still has some polishing to do) for this year's conference at <https://www.bevny.org/schedule>.

In addition to the conference program, we are also pleased to say that our trade show has sold out again this year, with a wide variety of vendors with various products and services for the industry. We are also grateful for the companies and organizations that have chosen to be sponsors of this year's conference, especially our Gold sponsors [E&J Gallo](#), [Farm Credit East](#), and [American National Insurance](#). They are all listed on the [Exhibitors & Sponsors](#) page of the B.E.V. NY website.

Finally, thanks to our partners at the NY Wine & Grape Foundation, members of the Foundation are eligible for a discount on their registration fee for the conference. Contact the NYWGF for details on this.

As I said, there's a lot more information to come about this year's conference, but we hope that each of you will be able to join us for one or both days of this year's B.E.V. NY. Be sure to register before February 15 to receive the 'Early Bird' registration price!

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Grapevine Bud Hardiness Update

After a warmer than normal December, the first part of January has felt a little closer to what most of us are used to at this time of year, especially the last few days. I had a few questions about how the warm temperatures earlier in the winter were impacting vine hardiness, and here's the basic answer:

It may have had a slight impact, but not enough to cause any concern about bud damage at this point.

The table below shows the results from the first couple of sample collections that we did in the Finger Lakes during December (12/6 and 12/20). Even with the warm weather that month, the LT₅₀ values were still about where we would expect them to be at that time of year, and all below 0°F. Since then, the colder temperatures this month have pushed those LT₅₀ values even lower, meaning the buds are able to withstand colder temperatures before we start to see significant damage. And just for a little more context, I also included the LT50 values from this same time of season last year (also collected in Geneva), and if nothing else, a few of the cultivars may actually be somewhat hardier now than they were a year ago.

		LT ₅₀			
		12/6/23	12/20/23	1/16/24*	1/17/23*
Cabernet Franc	E Seneca	-7.2	-8.6	-9.0	-6.9
Cabernet Franc	W Cayuga	-7.9	-6.2		
Cabernet Franc	W Seneca	-8.4	-8.4		
Cayuga White	E Keuka	-7.8	-6.2	-12.1	-9.8
Cayuga White	W Keuka	-10.5	-8.6		
Concord	E Keuka	-12.2	-11.8	-16.4	-16.2
Concord	W Canandaigua	-12.0	-8.8		
Concord	W Keuka	-14.4	-8.5		
Lemberger	Wayne Co.	-5.2	-5.3	-11.0	-10.1
Lemberger	E Seneca	--	-7.6		
Riesling	E Keuka	-8.7	-9.5	-9.9	-10.7
Riesling	Wayne Co.	-2.4	-5.7		
Riesling	W Canandaigua	-8.7	-10.0		
Riesling	W Cayuga	-7.2	-8.0		
Riesling	W Keuka	-8.2	-8.1		
Riesling	W Seneca	-9.7	-9.8		

* Results of field samples collected at Geneva for each cultivar

There's obviously still a lot of winter to get through, but as of right now, all indications are the vines have been more than capable of handling the cold temperatures we have experienced here so far, even the recent cold nights in single digits.

You can see the latest bud hardiness results from Jason Londo's lab at his [Grape Cold Hardiness](#) website.

Farm Asset Protection Strategies: Safeguarding Agricultural Legacies for Future Generations

Join us for a workshop on farm asset protection to help you preserve long-standing agricultural legacies. In these uncertain times, safeguarding valuable farm assets has become paramount to ensure our farming communities' continued success and sustainability.



From attending this workshop, you will:

- How to use financial records to gauge how well my business is doing. Various suggestions will assist you in looking at your records differently.
- What can I do to retain employees? Ideas will be shared on how to get new employees off to a good start. Also, ideas on how to help retain employees as well.
- Am I ready to consider diversifying my business? Thoughts on how to approach evaluating the diversification of your farm business will be shared.
- When and how do I start the succession process? Topics will be covered to help you feel confident to begin the process for your business.

Nicole Tommell, Farm Management Specialist with the CNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team and **Steve Hadcock**, Beginning Farmer Specialist with CAAHP will present this workshop.

There may be a minimal cost to attend. Use the links listed below to learn more information and to register.

Date/Time	Location/Registration Link	Address
Monday January 29 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Broome County https://ccebroomecounty.com/events/2023/12/01/farm-asset-protection-strategies-safeguarding-agricultural-legacies-for-future-generations	TASTE NY Building 840 Upper Front St Binghamton 13905
Monday, February 5 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Saratoga County https://caahp.ccext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=186	50 W High St Ballston Spa 12020
Wednesday February 7 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Schoharie County https://cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=2244	173 S Grand St Cobleskill 12034
Friday February 9 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Orange County https://cceorangecounty.org/events/2023/11/17/farm-asset-protection-strategies-safeguarding-agricultural-legacies-for-future-generations	18 Seward Ave, Ste 300 Middletown 10940
Tuesday February 13 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Genesee County https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=2248	420 E Main St Batavia 14020
Wednesday February 14 10 am-2:30 pm	CCE Oneida County https://cceoneida.com/events/2024/02/14/farm-asset-protection-strategies	121 Second St Oriskany 13424

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Upcoming Events

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

FLGP Pruning Workshops

Friday, January 26th, 2024

Friday, February 9th, 2024

1:00-4:00PM

Teaching and Demonstration Vineyard

1020 Anthony Rd., Penn Yan, NY 14527



*Interested in learning more about pruning grapevines? Attend the Finger Lakes Grape Program's pruning class and hand on demonstration.

*A brief indoor session will be held to introduce pruning concepts.

*Outside we will demonstrate pruning techniques and strategies in our Teaching and Demonstration vineyard.

*Three different trellis and training systems will be pruned with guidance from Cooperative Extension educators.

Please bring warm clothes and your own pruning shears

Friday, January 26th, 2024 Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3TW8mLy>

Friday, February 9th, 2024 Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3tOo2pB>

Eastern Viticulture & Enology Forum Webinar Series

The fourth edition of the Eastern Viticulture and Enology Forum (EVEF) webinar series is a collaborative effort between the Penn State Extension Grape and Wine Team and the following land grant institutions: Colorado State University, Cornell University, University of Georgia, Iowa State University, University of Maryland, Ohio State University, and Rutgers University. Along with webinar presenters, several viticulture and enology Extension specialists will coordinate and serve as panelists throughout the EVEF series. The webinars are intended for vineyard owners, winery owners, vineyard managers, and winemakers.

The series is delivered free to participants, though pre-registration is required to access the live webinars. All webinars will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET on select Wednesdays

January 24, 2024

An Acid Management Toolkit for Eastern Wines (click here for registration)

February 14, 2024

A Current Review of Spotted Lanternfly Updates and Findings in Vineyards (click here for registration)

February 28, 2024

Good Management of Malolactic Fermentation-Impact Factors (click here for registration)

March 20, 2024

Addressing Climate Change Challenges Through Vineyard Management Strategies (click here for registration)

March 27, 2024

Bioprotection Strategies to Control Spoilage Organisms During Winemaking (click here for registration)

April 24, 2024

Good Management of Malolactic Fermentation-Sensory Impact (click here for information)

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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