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Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program

Dear Tree Fruit, Vegetable, Berry and Grape Grower,



Cornell Cooperative Extensions Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCHP) looks forward to being the agricultural educational resource for your fresh market fruit and vegetable farm business. Seventeen Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations contribute to CCE ENYCHP so that growers in those counties have access to affordable, highly specialized production and business management information. This support also allows the ENYCHP team of 10 Specialists to conduct on-farm research of problems pertinent you, including the general areas below:

Food Safety	Research and education to help growers meet Quality Assurance and Food Safety Certification Standards and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)
Variety Evaluation	Unbiased results from local on-farm trials
Market Development	Marketing education on promoting local foods and new crops, notifying growers of new farmers markets and encouraging farm-to-chef connections
Pest Management	Understanding pest biology, effective controls, identifying new pests and pest alerts
Cultural Practices	Educating growers on nutrient management, yield enhancement and season extension
Soil Health	Educating growers on cover crops, reduced tillage, reduced compaction, increased organic matter and improved soil health
Business Management	Resources and education for growers to help manage finances, labor, adapt to changing markets and many other aspects to running a successful farm

Your \$65 annual enrollment (for those who farm within the 17 county region; \$165.00 for those outside this region) helps this work continue by supporting research and educational programming and shows funders that local farmers value this program enough to invest in CCE ENYCHP and their industry. Enrolled members have priority access to research results, timely text alerts, newsletters and discounts to ENYCHP hosted meetings. Enrollment benefits include:

Enrollment Benefits	CCE ENYCHP Enrollment (\$65 In- Region)*	Satellite Enrollment (\$165 outside the 17 county region)
ENYCHP Newsletters /E-alerts: ENYCHP Newsletters and E-alerts are available to all. These include Produce Pages, Tree Fruit News /E-alerts, Vegetable News, Berry News, and Grape News/E-alerts.	√	√
Text Alerts: Enrollees receive the exclusive benefit of ENYCHP text alerts, straight to their cell phones. Text alerts will notify growers of the most important, time sensitive news in an instant	√	√
Telephone / Email Consultations: Get answers to your questions from one of the team's specialist.	✓	✓
Reduced Registration Fees for Educational Meetings & Conferences: Enrolled members will receive registration discounts to CCE ENYCHP hosted events.	✓	✓
Direct Mailings: Special event notices and important information on your crops.	✓	✓
Your enrollment fees directly support CCE ENYCHP staff and add value to the overall research, outreach and educational opportunities offered. Your support also shows county associations, Cornell and other funders that you value the information provide by this regional team.	✓	✓
In-Field Educational Opportunities: When requested, Specialists may visit your farm and provide you with on-site information to solve problems on your farm.	✓	NA
Conduct/Coordinate On-Farm Research Trials in the Region: CCE ENYCHP specialist conduct on-farm research that is relevant to issues identified by you.	✓	NA

Seasonal updates (March—October) provided by the Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program: Berry, Grapes, Tree Fruit, Vegetable. Produce Pages runs November to March and covers all crops.



I thought it might be a good time to update you on the Late Blight that was found in tomatoes from a greenhouse in Onondaga County earlier this year. First, let me report that we have <u>NOT</u> found late blight anywhere in our 17 county region in Eastern New York to date. The note below is from our Cornell Vegetable Pathologist

"As you know, Kevin Myers (in Bill Fry's lab) identified a new genotype of Phytophthora infestans from tomato plants in Onondaga County NY earlier this summer. This same genotype has now been identified from an infected tomato field in Tioga County NY. We do not yet know if transplants from Onondaga County we moved to Tioga County. Based on this second finding, we are giving the new genotype the clonal lineage designation US-25. Preliminary studies found US-25 to be mating type A2 (US-23, which has been the predominant strain in NY for the past 6 years, is mating type A1), and US-25 is insensitive to melenoxam at 10ppm using a leaf disk assay (this was the highest level of melenoxam that was used in the preliminary study) (Editor's note: This means the isolate is resistant to Ridomil fungicides). In in-vitro assays US-25 infected both potato and tomato. Because mefenoxam does not appear to be effective against US-25, but IS effective against US -23, it is very important that you have strains genotyped if you see late blight in the

So if you suspect late blight in your tomatoes or potatoes, please contact your local CCE ENYCHP specialist for diagnosis!

Cucurbit Downy Mildew Update

On Tuesday, August 20th, cucurbit downy mildew (CDM) was confirmed on butternut squash in Orange County. This is the first confirmation of CDM in the region on a cucurbit crop other than cucumbers. For more information on management options, please see Chuck Bornt's article at https://enych.cce.cornell.edu/ submission.php?id=593&crumb=pests|pests

The current forecast for the risk of CDM spread in the region is available at http://cdm.ipmpipe.org/current-forecast





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GRAPE DISEASE CONTROL, 2018

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As many of you know Wayne Wilcox, who has annually provided us with an incredibly thorough grape disease management update each spring, has retired. Filling Wayne's shoes is going to be a tall task to say the least, and the search for his replacement goes on. For now, I will attempt to provide a brief summary of some of the pertinent changes in grape disease control that I hope will be useful for grape growers in the 2018 season. For consistency, I'll roughly be using Wayne's format from his previous newsletter from June of 2017.

FUNGICIDE CHANGES, NEWS, & REVIEWS
Here is some new, and sort of new information regarding grape fungicides in

First, Aprovia/Aprovia Top. The active ingredient in Aprovia is solatenol (benzovindiflupyr), and while it does not represent a new chemical class for us grape growers (succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor or SDHI) it is one of those rive wgeneration's SDHIs that Wayne spoke of last year. The SDHI fungicides belong to FRAC Group 7, which also includes chemistries in products like Endura and Pristine (boscaidi) and Luna Experience (fluopyram). Aprovia was available for use in most states last year, but has now been labeled for use in New York as well. As a solo product, Aprovia is very effective for the control of powdery mildew as trials in NY over several years have shown. Trials at Penn State over the past couple of seasons have also revealed some efficacy on black rot, but I would consider it more in line with "suppression" of this disease and I cannot recommend if for black rot control, especially on susceptible varieties (see the results of our trials in tables 1 and 2 below). Also, it should not be relied on for significant control of Botrylis, unlike other SDHIs. The label also lists control of Phomopsis and anthracnose, but like Wayne, I have not seen any real proof of that. Penn State has tested this product over two years on Concord, to examine it for any potential crop injury issues to that variety, in comparison to Revus Top, a standard spray program, and an untreated check,

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Conditioning fruit at 50°F for up to a week will reduce soft scald and sogge Conditioning nate, as P in dip to week with reduces viscavian also siggy breakdown but will likely lead to more bitter pit development. Knowing your block history can help you determine whether you want to condition or not. If a block has historically been very prone to bitter pit, conditioning is not recommended, as this will exacerbate the problem. However, if a block rarely gets bitter pit, and soft scald and soggy breakdown are common, conditioning for seven days would be recommended. Pre-conditioning remains a standard grower practice in the soft-scald prone Champlain Valley. On the other hand, this practice is falling out of favor with storage operators in the Hudson Valley where mitigation of bitter pit in storage is a

So where are we in predicting bitter pit in fruit on the tree? Mineral and non-mineral



Spring Berry "To Do" List

(base 50) has been fairly rapid over the past few weeks, although there is a dramatic variation across the region. Lower Hudson Valley locations are recording 300 – 350, Kinderhook is at 300, Voorheesville at 250, Saratoga at 275 and Clifton accumulation in the entire region a 353! But accumulation is really specific – Amsterdam is at 237, Cobleskill at 234 and Stephentown is at 192. In the north, Crown Point



is at 297, Peru at 201 and Chazy at 153. All of these readings are relatively in line with past years accumulation at this time – it's just that the manner in which the warmth accumulated was a bit different. We had very modest accumulation during April, but caught up quickly so far in May.

All of this is important because it helps to track pest emergence. We are w with a few growers across the region as they assist NYS IPM specialist Dr. Juliet Carrol with verifying NEWA models for blueberry maggot, cranberry fruit worm, and several

The importance of having a weather station right near you cannot be overstated. We've had a number of stations come on line recently (thanks to many dairy farmers) which has provided additional resources especially in the Mohawk valley and upper Hudson. If you're interested, please visit the NEWA page at http://newa.cornell.edu/

Strawberry bloom is upon us. The lower Hudson Valley had little time to spray fo Botrytis as the plants went so quickly from tight bud to



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