Don’t Forget -- This Saturday!

SUMMER VINEYARD FIELD DAY – DON’T MISS IT!

When? July 11, 2015 – Registration starts at 9:00am
Where? Eric Nelson’s Oak Creek Vineyard near Raymond, Nebraska.

Cost? $20.00 for first attendee, $10 each additional attendee from same enterprise (Includes Lunch)
Payment is due at the event.
Note: Please let Steve Gamet know by Friday at noon if you plan to attend to help us with numbers for the lunch.

Agenda:
9:00-9:30am – Registration
9:30 – Welcome and Introductions – Paul E. Read, University of Nebraska Viticulture Program (UNVP)
9:45 – State of the Art New Irrigation System – Installation and Logistics - Scott Dvorak, Vineyard Manger, Oak Creek Vineyards

10:30 – Ground Covers for New Vineyards – Ben Loseke, UNVP Graduate Student
11:30 – Fertigation Program for New Vines – Scott Dvorak
12:15 – Lunch and Network with Fellow Growers and Industry Personnel
1:00 Nutrition Program, Including Fall Nutrient Program – Scott Dvorak
1:45 – Recovery From Cold Temperatures/Winter Injury – Paul Read and Stephen Gamet, UNVP
2:30 – Crop Estimation and Planning for Harvest – Paul Read, Steve Gamet and Scott Dvorak
3:15 - Rejuvenation of Old Vineyard/Changing Trellis Systems – Scott Dvorak
4:00 Adjourn and Visit nearby Wineries for further Discussions (WindCrest Winery and James Arthur Vineyards, or get a map of wineries you can visit on your way home)

We look forward to seeing you there on July 11th.

POST BLOOM DISEASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW
Bryan Hed’s Post Bloom Disease Management Review http://bit.ly/PostBloomDiseaseReview posted by Penn State’s Denise Gardner, even though intended for Pennsylvania growers, is appropriate reading for our industry. Our spring monsoons have made grape disease management a compelling issue, much like the eastern United States’ humid environments, so Dr. Hed’s comments are worth reviewing. Note that near the end of his review he suggests checking the 2015 New York and Pennsylvania Pest Management Guidelines for Grapes, but the Midwest Small Fruit and Grape Spray Guide contains similar information that is appropriate for Nebraska vineyards.
Damage from herbicide drift is, unfortunately, something that a number of grape growers are all too familiar with. The effects of off-target herbicide damage can range from mild to devastating, and the effects can persist for well over one year. The Northern Grapes Project has focused some attention on herbicide drift, even though it is not one of the key objectives of the project, as it is an area of concern for many growers of cold-hardy grapes.

Below are links to good resources, both from the Northern Grapes Project and other sources. Many are from Mike White, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and team member of the Northern Grapes Project. Most of the resources linked below contain links to other additional, valuable resources.

Article from February 12, 2013 Northern Grapes News
Herbicide Drift – A Strong Defense is Your Best Offense, by Mike White

Slide sets from Herbicide Drift Seminar and Webinar
On November 3, 2012, a herbicide drift seminar and webinar was held at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, NE. This event was a cooperative effort of Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association, University of Nebraska Viticulture, and the Northern Grapes Project. Below are links to the slide sets:

· What is Drift? and Find a Drift Consultant, Perspectives on Herbicide Drift, Spray and Drift Online Resources. (Mike White)
· The View from New York: Diagnosis, Economics, and Management of Grape Injury from 2,4-D and Other Growth Regulator Herbicides. (Tim Martinson)

Top 10 Questions about Herbicide Drift into Vineyards
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/wine/growersnews/243-may-29-2013#Top (from Mike White’s Wine Grower News #243, 5/29/13)

The 2015 Pesticide Drift Season is Here

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Seminar Announcement
The University of Nebraska Food Processing Center is offering a one-day seminar for all individuals interested in exploring the idea of starting a food manufacturing business. Please encourage interested individuals in your community to attend the “Recipe to Reality” seminar which will be offered on August 8, 2015. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration deadline is July 20, 2015. Contact Jill Gifford at 402-472-2819 or jgifford1@unl.edu for an information packet.
Reminder Calendar:

July 11, 2015 Field Day,
July 23-25, 2015, 40th ASEV – Eastern Section Annual Meeting, Clarion Hotel, Dunkirk, NY
http://www.asev-es.org/
August 8, 2015 Recipe to Reality seminar, UNL, For further information, contact jgiwvord1@unl.edu.
September, 22 – 25 2015 International Master Gardeners Conference, Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, IA. Hosted by the University of Nebraska Lincoln and Iowa State University. Open to anyone interested in gardening.  http://mastergardener.unl.edu/imgc2015
October 17, 2015 Fall University of Nebraska Viticulture Program Workshop, Lincoln, NE
November 11-14, 2015 2015 VitiNord International Conference, Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE http://www.vitinord2015.org/
November 13-15, 2015 Wine Tourism Conference, Portland, OR
November 13, 2015 Grand Harvest Awards, entry deadline http://www.winecompetitions.com/#nav=enteronline
November 17-18, 2015, Grand Harvest Awards Judging http://www.winecompetitions.com/#nav=grand-harvest
February 11 – 13, 2016 Cold Climate Conference 2016, Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, MN

Save the Date
March 3 to 5, 2016 19th Annual Winery and Grape Growers Forum and Trade Show, Omaha Marriott.

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