A Few Reminders As Harvest Approaches

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1. Don’t Panic if pest problems occur. Think! If downy mildew arises do not reach for products that have a long PHI such as Ridomil Gold MZ or Ridomil Gold Copper or you will be harvesting well into October. In other words pay attention to PHI.

2. Keep the birds out of vineyard before they become a problem. Get the netting up, bird squakers, propane cannons, or visual deterrents installed and operating. Berries damaged by fruit often result in secondary pest problems such as yellow jackets, multicolored Asian lady beetle, sour rots, botrytis.

3. Keep scouting and consider scouting more often to spot problems before they become big problems.

4. Soybean harvest likely will be delayed this year, potentially reducing the impact of multicolored Asian lady beetles moving to grapes once soybean harvest is underway. However, consider having insecticides on hand just in case.

5. Similarly, have insecticides on hand to combat yellow jackets to keep your harvest crew happy and healthy. Now is the time to order the insecticides for potential harvest problems. Don’t delay.

6. Monitor the grape quality (TA, Brix, and pH) and keep your buyers informed and predict your potential harvest date. In other words start tracking grape quality at least weekly.

7. Start sterilizing your lugs or other harvest containers and store them in a clean dry place. Start clean, stay clean. Remember Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).

8. Sharpen your harvest tools.

9. If you are having a problem with downy mildew or powdery mildew now, think what product(s) you will treat with post harvest. Remember you want to keep the leaves on the vines as long as possible. Healthy vines are better able to survive our cold-climate.

10. Be on the look-out and consider monitoring for spotted wing drosophila (SWD). For more information and how to monitor for SWD, please visit the following site at http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/swd/
Development of wine grapes in the grape variety trials at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station (PARS) Sturgeon Bay, WI and West Madison Agricultural Research Station (WMARS), Madison, WI

Brianna at PARS 8.26.2013
Foch at PARS 8.26.2013
Frontenac at PARS 8.26.2013

Brianna at WMARS 8.19.2013
Foch at WMARS 8.19.2013
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- La Crescent at WMARS 8.19.2013
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- La Crosse at PARS 8.26.2013
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Grape progress update of other varieties in the grape variety trial located at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station.

NY76 at PARS 8.26.2013

Frontenac gris at PARS 8.26.2013

Leon Millot at PARS 8.26.2013

Vignoles at PARS 8.26.2013

Petite Pearl at PARS 8.26.2013

Noiret at PARS 8.26.2013
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MN 1189 at PARS 8.26.2013

MN 1200 at PARS 8.26.2013

MN 1220 at PARS 8.26.2013

MN 1235 at PARS 8.26.2013
Grape progress update of other varieties in the table grape variety trial located at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station.

**TABLE GRAPE TRIAL**

- MARS at PARS 8.26.2013
- Marquis at PARS 8.26.2013
- Reliance at PARS 8.26.2013
- Buffalo at PARS 8.26.2013
- Einset at PARS 8.26.2013
- Canadice at PARS 8.26.2013
Grape progress update of other varieties in the table grape variety trial located at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station.

These plants were donated to PARS and this is the first year of fruiting. They are seedless. I will keep you updated on their potential.
Degree Day\(^1\) (base 50) Accumulation from April 1 to August 25, 2013 at Peninsular Agricultural Research Station in Sturgeon Bay, WI

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Accumulated degree days\(^1\) (base 50) for the month of March in Sturgeon Bay and Madison, WI.

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Please scout your vineyards on a regularly scheduled basis in an effort to manage problem pests. This report contains information on scouting reports from specific locations and may not reflect pest problems in your vineyard. If you would like more information on IPM in grapes, please contact Dean Volenberg at (920)746-2260 or dean.volenberg@ces.uwex.edu