



Grape IPM Update

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Just a quick update on information that may be helpful to you as you prepare to start your IPM program for 2008.

The 2008 New York and Pennsylvania Guideline for Grapes has been posted on the web at: <http://ipmguidelines.org/grapes/>. This is a very valuable resource for disease and insect management information and options. I strongly recommend that all Vermont grape growers review the information in the Guide. A "hard copy" can be purchased through the Pest Management Education Program at Cornell University at 607/255-1866.

Also, Dr. Wayne Wilcox's review of disease management options and "considerations" for disease management at various growth stages during the season is available at: http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/pdfs/Wilcox_%202008_Grape%20Disease_Man.pdf. Dr. Wilcox is a plant pathologist at Cornell University with many years of experience in managing grape diseases.

As I had mentioned in a previous update, I had pulled together some information this past winter into a document entitled: "An Initial IPM Strategy for New Cold Climate Winegrape Growers" which may be helpful to you: <http://pss.uvm.edu/grape/IPM/AnInitialIPMStrategy.pdf>. It contains an example of a "skeletal" disease program which can be modified to your specific conditions and information on key insect pests.

Whether you will be using organic or synthetic pesticides, good pesticide record-keeping is extremely important. Cornell University is offering their "Trac" pesticide record-keeping software via a download from the web. For details see: <http://nysipm.cornell.edu/trac/default.asp>.

That is all for now ... I just got back from walking the small vineyard we planted last year at the UVM Horticultural Research Center in South Burlington and am excited to see the buds have swollen on most of the varieties that were planted. If you are relatively new to grape growing and would like to review the various stages of bud development, Michigan State has a series of pictures for Chardonnay bud development (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/fruit/chargrw.htm>) and Concord bud development(<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/fruit/concrdw.htm>).

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