

Ohio Fruit ICM News

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December 2, Getting Started in Grape Production, Licking County Extension. 9AM-12.
See this issue for more information.

December 2, Getting Started in Bramble Production, Licking County Extension. 12:30 -
3:30. See this issue for more information.

December 5-7, Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO. DeVos Place,
Grand Rapids, Mich, www.glexpo.com.

December 5-8, Cider Makers Short Course Geneva NY. For more information contact
Ian Merwin at 607-255-1777 or by email at im13@postoffice8.mail.cornell.edu.

December 6-7, Deep South Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference and Trade Show,
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama. For more information see
www.deepsouthfruitveg.com.

December 11-13, New England Vegetable and Berry Conference. For more information
see www.nevbc.org

December 13-14, 21st Annual Southeast Vegetable and Fruit Expo. Myrtle Beach
Convention Center, Myrtle Beach S.C.

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January 7-9, Wisconsin Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Olympia Resort and

Conference Center, Oconomowoc, www.wisconsinfreshproduce.org

January 8-9, Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY. Contact John Strang 859-257-5685; e-mail jstrang@uky.edu

January 11-13, Illinois Specialty Crop and Agritourism Conference Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield IL. For more information contact Rick Weinzierl, 217-244-2126

January 15-17, Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers Congress, Ohio Direct Agricultural Marketing Conference, Mid American Human Resource Conference and National Bramble Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center.

January 25-28, Southern Sustainable Agriculture Conference. The Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, Ky. For more information (678) 494-0696.

January 29, Beginning Commercial Apple Production Workshop. Indianapolis. Attendees must register for the Horticultural Congress, but there is no additional fee for the workshop. For more information, contact [Peter Hirst](mailto:Peter.Hirst@hort.purdue.edu), 765-494-1323 or see <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/hort/ext/hortcongress/ihc2007.html>.

January 29-31, Indiana Horticultural Congress and Trade Show, Indianapolis.

January 30-February 1, Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention. Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA

February 6, Southern Illinois Tree Fruit School, Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. For more information contact Elizabeth Wahle, 618-692-9434.

February 9-12, North American Strawberry Growers Association Strawberry Symposium. Ventura, California. For more information <http://www.nasga.org/>.

February 12-13, Ohio Grape-Wine Short Course, Shisler Conference Center at OARDC in Wooster, OH.

February 14-15, Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo Syracuse, N.Y. For more information <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hort/expo/>

February 16-17, North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Conference and Trade Show. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. For more information www.nafdma.com.

February 27-28, Illinois Small Fruit and Strawberry Schools Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. For more information contact Bronwyn Aly, 618-695-2444

Comments from the Editor

Dr, Doug Doohan has written an article for this issue that is timely if you had some escapes from your weed management plan in matted row strawberry systems. Also note the two workshops to be held in Licking county in two weeks.

We are finishing up our online survey of the Ohio Fruit ICM News. I will have a link to it when it becomes active. It is only with feedback from you that I can improve this newsletter to be more useful for you.

Late Season Weed Management for Strawberry by Doug Doohan, OSU HCS

Several weeks ago in Ohio Fruit ICM News I outlined the ‘weed prevention’ strategy that works best in matted row strawberry. Today we will look at a ‘clean up’ strategy; one that will kill weeds that have escaped the earlier, correctly scheduled herbicide applications. Treat infestations of perennial weeds like thistle and dock with Stinger (Ohio Section 24C No. OH-030004). Stinger is very effective on weeds in the Aster, Legume, Knotweed and Nightshade families. Late fall applications of Stinger will not kill established chickweed, shepherds purse or plantains. An application of Sinbar in September through mid October would have prevented these weeds. It may yet be possible to pick up some species such as chickweed and oxalis with a pre-mulch spray of Spartan. I’ll outline that next week.

Back to Stinger, our research has indicated an optimum rate of 8 oz/ acre for annuals such as groundsel. The maximum rate of 10.5 oz/ acre should be considered if Canada thistle is a problem. The higher rate may slightly suppress the crop but thistles that survive winter will suppress berry pickers in June. Escaped common groundsel, vetch and dandelions are all sensitive to Stinger. Stinger needs a rain-free period of 6 hours after application.

Poast and Select will kill or suppress grass weeds (including grain) that are green this time of year. Select is generally the more effective of the two herbicides and is the only herbicide that will kill annual bluegrass. It is somewhat weak on orchardgrass. Select Max is the new formulation that requires non ionic surfactant (NIS), rather than crop oil concentrate (COC). The new formulation is less likely to cause leaf burn than Select original which was also quite safe in my opinion. For late fall applications I would be very surprised to see leaf burn following either Select or Poast except in two circumstances; 1) where either was tank-mixed or applied within a week of an application of Sinbar, or 2) where either was applied with a sprayer that had not been completely cleaned of residues from previous herbicide applications. NIS and COC both are excellent detergents.

Licking County Beginning Fruit Grower Workshops

Two workshops will be held in Licking County on Saturday December 2nd. Attend either or both sessions. Register by phone 740-670-5315, or e-mail at lick@ag.osu.edu.

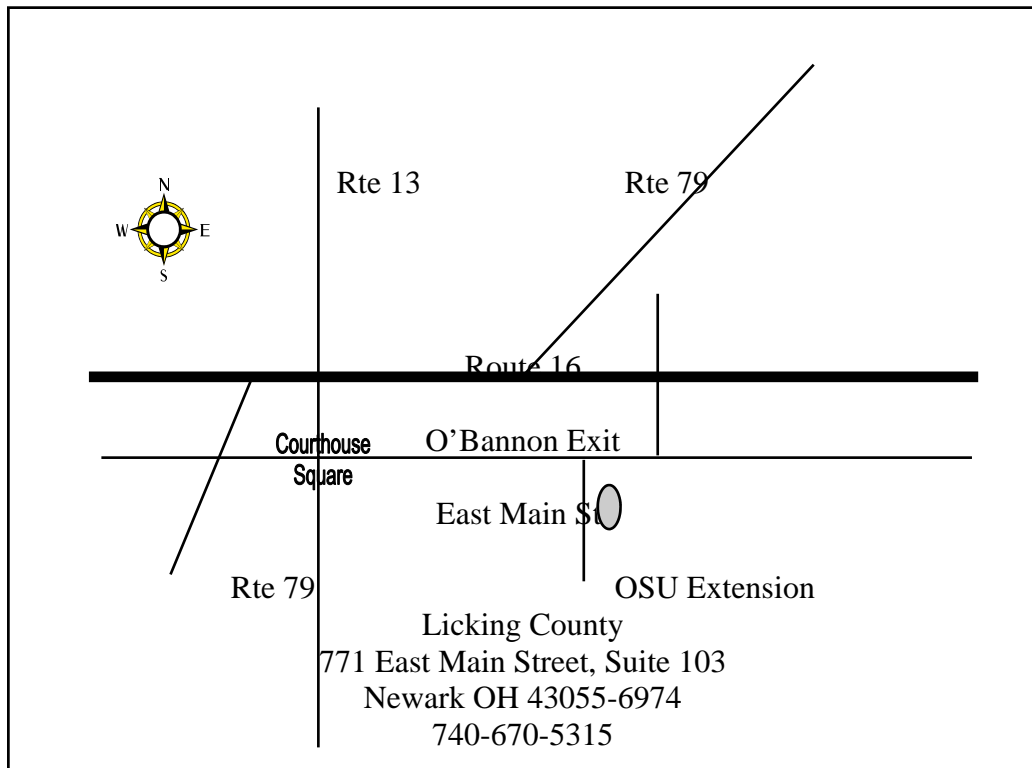
Getting Started in Grape Production Sat., December 2, 9 AM – 12 noon

Class will cover selection of site, soil and cultivars, field design, planting and spacing, water, fertilizer, and weed control. Presenter: Richard C. Funt, Ph.D., OSU Emeriti, Fruit Specialist. Cost: \$20 per person for class and materials.

Getting Started in Bramble Production Sat., Dec. 2, 12:30 – 3:30 PM

Class will cover early summer, fall bearing raspberries and thorn less blackberries, selection of site, soil and cultivars, field design, planting and spacing, water, fertilizer, and weed control. Presenter: Richard C. Funt, Ph.D., OSU Emeriti, Fruit Specialist Cost: \$20 per person for class and materials

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