

Ohio Fruit ICM News

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January 24, Wine Grape Pruning Workshop, Morrow Ohio. See this issue for more information.

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 6-7, SW Michigan Hort Days. See this issue for more information

February 8, Delaware County Fruit and Vegetable Short Course. An one-day seminar with two concurrent sessions, one for commercial growers and one for backyard gardeners. Location: All Occasions Catering and Banquet Facility
6989 Waldo-Delaware Road, Waldo, Ohio 43356
Fee: \$35.00 per person or \$60 per couple (any two people on the same registration)
To register or for more information call Cindy Kaelber at 740-833-2030 or email kaelber.1@cfaes.osu.edu.

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 21-22, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention. Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. This is Canada's premier horticultural event featuring 7 concurrent sessions, close to 150 exhibitors, 125 speakers from all over the world and over 1200 registrants All programs – apples, global foods, energy, direct Farm Sales, Famer's Market's Ontario, Vegetables, Berries, Water, and Organics are listed on our website at www.ofvc.ca.

February 22, Wine Grape Pruning Workshop. Ashtabula. See this issue for more information.

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

March 3-4, 28th Annual OEFFA Conference. Granville, Ohio. More information and on-line registration www.oeffa.org or phone 614.421.2022.

March 19, Advanced Topics Blueberry School, OSU South Centers. Topics include. Food Safety for Blueberries- Carlos Garcia, Marketing Blueberries - Sandy Kuhn, Insecticide Performance - John Wise, and Pesticide Record Keeping. For more information contact Brad Bergefurd at 740-289-2071 Ext136 or by email at bergefurd.1@osu.edu

July 26, Beekeeping Workshop, OSU South Centers. More information to follow.

Comments from the Editor

I hope you all took advantage of the excellent educational opportunities at our annual state growers congress. It was nice seeing old friends and making new friends. If you have any suggestions for the 2008 congress please pass that information on to one of the educational advisors. We will work with the boards as we prepare for next year. Contact information for the fruit educational advisors is in this newsletter.

I am finishing up my analysis of the Ohio Fruit ICM News Survey and will have that information in an upcoming newsletter.

For those that are interested in receiving a hardcopy of the Ohio Fruit ICM News, please send a check for \$48 to my attention and we will mail it to you. For those who wish to receive it electronically, it is still free, but don't forget to update your email address if needed.

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Free Wine Grape Pruning Workshops by Dr. Imed Dami, State Viticulturist

Proper care and pruning of vines will make a considerable difference in the productivity and vitality of any vineyard. With this in mind, you have an excellent chance to improve your pruning skills at the hands-on grape vine pruning workshops and demonstration. Join us at one of two statewide grapevine pruning workshops. Presentation will illustrate the principles of grapevine pruning and hands-on demonstration will follow in the vineyard. Pre-registration is required. Bring pruners and dress for outdoor conditions.

Workshop 1 - Central & Southern Ohio

When: 24 January 2007, 1- 4 pm

Where: Valley Vineyards, 2276 E. US 22 & 3 (Montgomery Road), Morrow, OH 45152. Phone: 513-899-2485

Presenters: Dr. Imed Dami, Dave Scurlock, and Kenny Shuschter

Pre-registration: Contact Dave Scurlock for pre-registration at 330-263-3825 or Scurlock.2@osu.edu

Workshop 2 - Northern Ohio

When: 22 February 2007, 1 - 4 pm

Where: Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station, 2625 South Ridge East, P.O. Box 467, Kingsville, OH 44048. Phone: 440-224-0273

Presenters: Dr. Imed Dami, Dave Scurlock, Greg Johns

Pre-registration: Contact Dave Scurlock for pre-registration at 330-263-3825 or Scurlock.2@osu.edu

Reminder - 2007 Ohio Grape & Wine Conference by Dr. Imed Dami, HCS-OARDC (Source: O-GEN 16 Jan. 2007)

- This year, the Ohio Grape & Wine Conference (OGWC) will take place on February 12 and 13, 2007 at the Shisler Conference Center - OARDC in Wooster, OH.

- To register, please visit our website at: <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/grapeweb/events/ogwc.htm>.

- Take advantage of early registration by February 2, 2007 for discounts (registration form attached)

- This years' conference will have nearly 30 speakers with nationally-renowned featured speakers including: Jean-Laurent Groux, Winemaker at Stratus Wines; Jane Baxter Lynn, JBL PR Strategies; Dr. Tim Martinson, Senior Extension Associate in Viticulture and Statewide Coordinator of Viticulture Extension at Cornell University; Dr. Cliff Ohmart, Research/IPM Director for the Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission; and Randy Ullom, Winemaker and Chief Operating Officer, Kendall Jackson Wine Estates.

- Topics will focus on sustainable viticulture and enology approaches used in the USA including Ohio's experience; marketing hot topics will include strategies to improve wine sales, off-premise wine sales, and branding; and several educational wine tastings. Updates from our industry will include research updates from OSU and presentations on the new Ohio Quality Wine program, and Tour by Ohio producers to Germany. Pest management practices and updates will also be presented.

- Pesticide Applicator certification credits will also be available.

Hope to see you there!!

2006 Harvest: Apples Available (Source: *An Apple A Day* Winter 2007 (U.S. Apple Association))

There will be plenty of delicious and nutritious apples available for U.S. consumers this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and industry members.

The U.S. apple industry picked approximately 234.4 million bushels of apples during the fall harvest. This represents an average crop for the United States, slightly above the five year average production levels.

Red Delicious apples will remain the most widely produced variety, representing about 26 percent of the total apple crop. However, this is down from 31 percent in 2001. Other varieties such as Fuji and Gala are enjoying increased production. In fact, Gala moved into the number two spot in 2006 production, passing Golden Delicious for the first time.

Washington State remains the leader in apples, representing more than 58 percent of total apple production. Washington is followed by New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and California. There are 34 states that report commercial production.

U.S. apple producers export about 25 percent of the fresh apples grown in the country. The top export destinations are Mexico, Canada, Taiwan and Malaysia. About 6 percent of the total fresh apple supply is imported into the U.S. The top international apple suppliers in the U.S. are Chile, New Zealand and Canada.

For more information about the U.S. apple industry, contact USAApple or visit us online at www.USAApple.org.

SW Michigan Horticulture Days has New Wine Grape and Blueberry Sessions by Mark Longstroth SW Michigan District Fruit Educator

SW Michigan Hort Days a two day educational session for fruit and vegetable growers in Southwest Michigan will be on February 6 and 7. The two-day trade show and educational meeting will begin on Tuesday in 2007. This meeting is held every year at Lake Michigan Community College's Mendel Center. In 2007 we have added a wine grape session on Tuesday afternoon and a complete blueberry session on Wednesday. Southwest Michigan Horticulture Days is Sponsored by the Michigan Grape Society and coordinated by MSU Extension in Berrien and Van Buren counties in Southwest Michigan and the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center.

Admission, which includes lunch both days, is \$20 for those reregistering by January 29 or \$25 at the door.

For more information, an agenda and pre registration forms visit.
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/vanburen/disthort.htm>

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