

## Ohio Fruit ICM News

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### Calendar

September 20-22: Farm Science Review, Molly Caren Agricultural Center, London, OH.  
Details at: <http://fsr.osu.edu>.

October 14-15, 2005: Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC) Fall Meeting, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Call 616-885-2000 for more information.

October 16, 2005: The Ohio Fruit Growers Societys (OFGS) 2005 Cider Contest, Easton Town Center, Columbus. See following article for entry deadline and details.

November 15: Ohio Ag and Hort Human Resource ManagersForum, Hilliard, OH. 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Registration and fee requested by November 8. Contact Mid American Ag and Hort Services at 614-246-8286, [maahs@ofbf.org](mailto:maahs@ofbf.org), or visit [www.midamservices.org](http://www.midamservices.org) and click on Eventsfor registration form and details. Also see second article.

December 6-8, 2005: Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable, and Farm Market EXPO, DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan. For additional information, visit [www.glexpo.com](http://www.glexpo.com).

January 16-18, 2006: Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Congress and Ohio Direct Marketing Conference, Columbus Convention Center

## OFGS 2005 Cider Contest to be Held in October

Source: Tom Sachs - Executive Director, Ohio Fruit Growers Society (OFGS)

The Ohio Fruit Growers Societys (OFGS) 2005 Cider Contest submission deadline is set for October 14, 2005. Every year the OFGS sponsors the Cider Contest to help promote the nutrition and taste advantages of fresh Ohio cider. The contest was originally scheduled to take place in mid November at the Great Big Food Show (GBFS) in Cleveland, Ohio. The GBFS has been cancelled by its promoters and OFGS has found an excellent substitute venue. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2005 at the Ohio Apple Marketing Programs (OAMP) apple promotion at Easton Town Center in Columbus. The OAMP apple promotion is held in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Agriculture's OHIO PROUD annual event that showcases Ohio agricultural products.

The Cider Contest is limited to Ohio producers who are current OFGS members and each participant may submit a maximum of two cider entries. An application fee of \$20.00 is required for each entry. The Cider Contest Grand Award Winner, as well as Blue Ribbon Winners will be determined by a panel of judges and will be judged from 1 to 3 PM on October 16 at Easton. The judging guidelines are as follows: 20% absence of defects (sediment and foreign matter), 20% color and 60% taste. All winners will be featured in a statewide press release on October 17. This will be just in time for pre Halloween publicity! The Cider Contest winners will also be recognized at the January

18, 2006 Awards Breakfast during the Ohio Fruit & Vegetable Growers Congress in Columbus. Last years winners were: Grand Award, Kate & Andy Grimm, Grimms Green Acres, Marietta; Blue Ribbon Winners: Laurelville Fruit Farm, Robert Bowers, Laurelville; Moreland Fruit Farm, Fred Finney and Sons, Wooster; and Vogley Enterprises, Gary J. Vogley, East Sparta.

2005 Cider Contest entries must be submitted in FROZEN 1/2 or one gallon containers during a three day window: October 12 to 14. The entry deadline is noon on Friday, October 14 and all containers must be accompanied by an Entry Form. The 2005 Entry Form will be mailed to all current OFGS members as well as posted on the OFGS web site at <http://www.ohiofruit.org>. For more information, contact Kathy Lutz or Tom Sachs at 614-246-8292 or email at [klutz@ofbf.org](mailto:klutz@ofbf.org) or [tsachs@ofbf.org](mailto:tsachs@ofbf.org)

MAAHS is Sponsoring Ohio Ag and Hort Human Resource Managers' Forum on November 15

Source: John Wargowsky Executive Director - Mid American Ag and Hort Services, Inc

Do you have ag or hort human resource (HR) responsibilities? Would you like to interact with ag and hort HR people from across the state? Would you benefit from knowing how other HR people tackle some of the same problems you face? Do you face some tough HR problems that occur over and over? Mid American Ag and Hort Services (MAAHS)

is pleased to announce the third Ohio Ag and Hort Human Resource Managers' Forum for people who answered yes to one or more of these questions.

The Forum will be held Tuesday, November 15 at the Franklin County Farm Bureau office in Hilliard, Ohio from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This opportunity will provide a forum for fostering professional development and advancing effective human resource practices for human resource managers in agricultural and horticultural businesses.

The featured topic at the Forum will be "Employee Handbooks and Written Employee Communication." Joan Ridgeway, President of Consulting Resources based in Indianapolis will present this two-hour portion of the program. Ridgeway has over eighteen years experience in business and human resources in the private sector, non-profit and higher education and is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resource.

In the afternoon, Lorrie Goodnight with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (OBWC) will address how to manage workers compensation costs. Goodnight will address claims management and the various programs available through OBWC to reduce premiums.

The program will include opportunities for open discussion and networking opportunities for those with human resource responsibilities in ag and hort businesses. John Wargowsky, executive director of MAAHS and Bernie Erven of Erven HR Services, LLC will facilitate discussion among Forum participants.

The registration fee of \$50 for MAAHS members and \$70 for non-MAAHS members includes lunch and materials. Participation in the Forum is limited to the first 40 registrants and reservations are requested by November 9. Contact MAAHS at 614-246-8286, [maahs@ofbf.org](mailto:maahs@ofbf.org) or <http://www.midamservices.org> (click on "Events") for more information.

#### EPA Completes 2,4-D Review Process

Source: EPA and CropLife Magazine via William Smith, Cornell Senior Extension Associate

The EPA has released its comprehensive assessment of the herbicide 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) under the agency's reregistration program. EPA's decision document concluded that 2,4-D does not present risks of concern to human health when users follow product instructions as outlined in the agency's 2,4-D Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) document.

The EPA's assessment of the human and environmental scientific data reinforces a growing number of regulatory decisions and expert reviews that conclude the use of 2,4-D according to product instructions does not present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment," said Don Page,

assistant executive director of the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data. "EPA's comprehensive findings are consistent with decisions of other authorities such as the World Health Organization, Health Canada, European Commission, and recent studies by the U.S. National Cancer Institute."

The agency's announcement and release of the RED on 2,4-D completed a 17-year review process. Over the course of this study, the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data developed and submitted to EPA over 300 good laboratory practice toxicology, environmental, and residue studies which EPA scientists reviewed to assess the herbicide's safety under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Food Quality Protection Act.

#### New Cornell Grape Publications Available Online

Source: Finger Lakes Vineyard Updates 8-08-05 via Facts for Fancy Fruit 05-07 August 24, 2005

Cost of Establishment and production of *V. vinifera* grapes in the Finger Lakes- 2004. This publication, by Jerry White, provides detailed estimates of the cost of establishing and growing *V. vinifera* grapes. It was developed based on input from several Finger Lakes growers. This new version updates the previous version published in 2001. Printed copies are available for \$10. It is also available online as a downloadable PDF file at:<http://hortmgt.aem.cornell.edu/pdf/resources/eb2005-06.pdf>

The following are other bulletins on production costs and winery establishment costs available from Applied Economics and Management group at Cornell University: Lake Erie Grape Farm Cost Survey 1995-2000, by Barry Shaffer and Gerald White. This publication details costs and returns for Concord Production in the Lake Erie Region. It summarizes costs and returns from over 30 farms.<http://aem.cornell.edu/outreach/extensionpdf/eb0305.pdf>

Writing a Business Plan: An Example for a Small Premium Winery, Mark Pisoni and Gerald White, 2002:<http://aem.cornell.edu/outreach/extensionpdf/eb0207.pdf> Writing a Business Plan: A Guide for Small Premium Wineries, Mark Pisoni and Gerald White, 2002:

<http://aem.cornell.edu/outreach/extensionpdf/eb0206.pdf>

These two publications provide guidance for those interested in establishing a new winery business. One provides an example of a business plan for a small winery focused on premium varietal wines. The other provides a road map for developing a business plan for a startup winery.

Degree Day Accumulations for Ohio Sites August 31, 2005

Ohio Degree Day Accumulations Base 50° F

Location Actual Normal

Akron-

Canton 2428 2285

Cincinnati 3046 2959

Cleveland 2522 2245

Columbus 2872 2560

Dayton 2679 2639

Fremont 2299 2311

Kingsville 2260 2082

Mansfield 2366 2264

Norwalk 2470 2238

Piketon 2889 2869

Toledo 2565 2236

Wooster 2495 2125

Youngstown 2234 2077

Fruit Observations and Trap Reports

Site: Waterman Lab, Columbus

Dr. Celeste Welty, OSU Extension Entomologist, and Gretchen Sutton, Graduate Assistant

Apple: 8/25 to 8/31/05

Redbanded leafroller 15 down from 28

Spotted tentiform leafminer 72 up from 45

San José scale 4 up from 3

Codling moth (3 trap mean) 4 up from 3

Lesser appleworm 5 down from 6

Tufted apple budmoth 13 down from 15

Variegated leafroller 4 up from 0

Obliquebanded leafroller 5 up from 1

Apple maggot (sum of 3 traps) 2.3 up from 1

Site: East District; Erie and Lorain Counties

Jim Mutchler, IPM Scout/Technician

Apple: 8/23 to 8/30/05

Codling moth (3 trap mean) 2.1 down from 2.4

Oriental fruit moth 4.4 up from 4.1

Redbanded leafroller 16.1 up from 10.4

San Jose scale 0.0 down from 20.9

Lesser appleworm 11.0 up from 1.0

Apple maggot (sum of 3 traps) 2.9 up from 2.7

Beneficials found: lacewings eggs and adults, native lady beetles, brown lacewing adults

Peach: 8/23 to 8/30/05  
 Redbanded leafroller 16.0 up from 7.3  
 Oriental fruit moth 1.3 up from 1.0  
 Lesser peachtree borer 18.3 same as last week  
 Peachtree borer 1.3 down from 3.3  
 Beneficials found: lacewing eggs and adults, native ladybeetle

Site: West District: Huron, Ottawa, Richland, and Sandusky Counties  
 Lowell Kreager, IPM Scout/Technician

Apple: 8/22 to 8/29/05  
 Codling moth (3 trap mean) 0.3 up from 0.2  
 Oriental fruit moth 4.0 down from 7.0  
 Redbanded leafroller 13.0 up from 10.1  
 San Jose scale 0.0 same as last wk.  
 Spotted tentiform leafminer 2074 down from 1374  
 Lesser appleworm 13.2 up from 11.8  
 Apple maggot (sum of 3 traps) 0.0 same as last wk.  
 Beneficials found: lacewing & brown lacewing adults, banded thrips, native & Asian ladybeetles

Peach: 8/22 to 8/29/05  
 Redbanded leafroller 43.0 up from 8.0  
 Oriental fruit moth 7.9 up from 3.6  
 Lesser peachtree borer 12. up from 5.5  
 Peachtree borer 0.0 down from 1.0  
 Beneficials found: lacewing & brown lacewing adults, native & Asian ladybeetles

Preliminary Monthly Climatological Data for Selected Ohio Locations August 2005

Weather Station Location	Nrml Aug Prec	Year- to-date Prec	Nrml Y-T-D Prec	Avg High Temp	Nrml High Temp	Avg Low Temp	Nrml High Temp	Aug Mean Temp	Nrml Mean Temp	
Akron	6.90	3.65	30.39	26.49	81.8	80.3	63.5	60.2	72.7	70.3
Cincinnati	6.34	3.79	29.31	30.08	87.5	84.8	67.9	64.2	77.7	74.5
Cleveland	7.60	3.69	29.10	25.68	83.0	79.2	65.1	61.2	74.0	70.2
Columbus	5.09	3.72	31.04	27.17	86.1	83.8	67.0	63.2	76.5	73.5
Dayton	4.40	3.49	29.28	27.83	84.6	82.3	65.3	62.2	74.9	72.3
Fremont	4.15	3.35	25.69	23.79	84.6	81.9	57.0	59.3	70.8	70.6
Kingsville	5.42	4.40	24.77	24.20	82.1	79.0	62.2	60.0	72.1	69.5
Mansfield	4.99	4.60	28.92	30.09	82.2	79.6	62.9	58.9	72.5	69.3
Norwalk	4.08	3.46	29.21	24.59	82.6	80.5	61.8	59.6	72.2	70.0
Piketon	2.52	3.60	18.23	30.30	87.9	83.2	65.0	61.2	76.4	72.2
Toledo	1.76	3.19	21.32	22.60	84.7	81.0	63.1	60.6	73.9	70.8

Wooster	4.82	3.72	25.42	25.15	84.1	82.0	62.3	57.9	73.2	70.0
Youngstown		3.86	3.43	28.66	25.64	82.5	79.3	60.7	57.5	71.6 68.4

Temperatures in degrees F, Precipitation in inches

Table Created by Ted W. Gastier, OSU Extension from National Weather Service, OARDC & Local Data

Wholesale Terminal Fruit Prices

Chicago: [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/HX\\_FV010.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/HX_FV010.txt)

Blueberries: Market about steady; flats 12 1-pt cups with lids MI med 28.00 some high as 30.00

Grapes: Market about steady; cartons 12 1-qt baskets MI U.S. One Concord 21.00

Nectarines: Market about steady; 25 lb cartons loose, IL U.S. One Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 1/2" up 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 2 3/8" min 16.50 2 1/4" up 18.00

Peaches: Market about steady; 25 lb cartons loose, IL U.S. ExOne Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 1/4" up 14.00-15.00 U.S. One Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 1/2" up 18.00 Various White Flesh Varieties 2 1/2" min 18.00 2 1/4" up 16.00 NJ U.S. ExOne Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 1/2" up 19.00

Detroit: [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DU\\_FV010.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DU_FV010.txt)

Apples: Market about steady; cartons 12 3-lb film bags MI U.S. ExFcy Royal Gala 2 1/2" min 13.50-14.00 McIntosh 2 1/2" min 14.50-15.00 Ginger Gold 2 1/2" min 14.00-14.50 Gold Supreme 2 1/2" min 12.50-13.00 Paula Red 2 1/2" min 12.00-13.50 some best 14.00-14.50 U.S. Fcy Ginger Gold 2 1/4" min 13.50-14.00 Paula Red 2 1/4" min 11.50-12.00

Bushel cartons loose MI No Grade Marks Gala 2 3/4" up 15.50-16.00 McIntosh 2 3/4" up 15.50-16.00 Ginger Gold 2 3/4" up 14.00-14.50 Gold Supreme 2 3/4" up 14.50-15.00 Paula Red 2 3/4" up 13.50-14.00 some 14.50 2 1/2" up 11.50-12.00

Blueberries: Market steady; flats 12 1-pt cups with lids MI med-lge 28.00-29.00 med 27.00-28.00 sml-med 27.00-28.00 flats 12 4.4-oz cups with lids MI med-lge 20.00 med 19.00-19.50 sml-med 19.00-19.50

Grapes: Market about steady; cartons 12 1-pt containers MI U.S. One Concord med-lge 18.50-19.00

Peaches: Market about steady; 1/2 bushel cartons MI No Grade Marks Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 3"up 22.50-23.00 2 1/2"up 18.50-19.00 NJ U.S. ExOne Various White Flesh Varieties 2 1/2"up 13.00-14.00

Pittsburgh: [http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/PS\\_FV010.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/PS_FV010.txt)

Apples: Market about steady; cartons cell pack PA U.S. ExFcy Rome 80s 18.50, cartons 12 3-lb film bags PA U.S. ExFcy Rome 2 1/2" min 16.50 Paula Red 2 1/2" min 16.50

Blueberries: Market steady; flats 12 4.4-oz cups with lids MI med-lge 18.00

Nectarines: Market steady;, 25 lb cartons loose, PA Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 23.00

Peaches: Market about steady; 1/2 bushel crates PA No Grade Marks Various Yellow Flesh Varieties no sz marked 19.00, 25 lb cartons loose, PA U.S. Fcy Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 1/2"min 17.00 WV U.S. ExOne Redglobe 2 1/4"up 11.50