

Northern Michigan FruitNet 2013

Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Center

Weekly Update

October 2, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013

- 11/12** **Making It In Michigan Conference**
Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
- 12/10-13** **Great Lakes Expo**
Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

2014

- 1/14-15** **NW Michigan Orchard & Vineyard Show**
Grand Traverse Resort
- 2/18-19** **IPM Academy**

Duke Elsner, Grand Traverse County MSU Extension

Wine Grapes

NW vineyards have progressed nicely due to moderate temperatures and many sunny days. The start of harvest for sparkling wines is fast approaching in commercial vineyards. Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris are around 20 brix at many sites.

The hybrids LaCrescent and Brianna and early viniferas Dornfelder and Madeleine Angevine were harvested from the research vineyard during the past week. The hybrid St. Croix and the vinifera Semillon will be ready this week.

Honey bees and the native Drosophila fruit fly have been very heavy on ripening fruit this fall, but yellow jackets are not as big of a problem as usual in NW vineyards. Bird depredation is troublesome where netting has not been deployed. Despite some botrytis rot and/or sour rot on injured clusters in a few vineyards, the overall condition of fruit still looks good.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Insect and disease predictive information is available at:

<http://enviroweather.msu.edu/homeMap.php>

60 Hour Forecast

<http://www.agweather.geo.msu.edu/agwx/forecasts/fcst.asp?fileid=fous46ktvc>

Information on cherries is available at the new cherry website:

<http://www.cherries.msu.edu/>

Fruit CAT Alert Reports have moved to MSU News

<http://news.msue.msu.edu>