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6-28, Entry Deadline for Mid-American Wine Competition – Ankeny, IA

The [2019 Mid-American Wine Competition](#) is being held Friday – Sunday, July 12-14th. The competition is held on the campus of the [Des Moines Area Community College](#) in Ankeny, Iowa, which is just north of Des Moines. The college has the longstanding [Iowa Culinary Institute](#) which provides the infrastructure for the competition.



The competition is open to commercial wineries of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

This competition not only judges wines against other wines, it also provides the opportunity for wineries to have their wines judged against carefully selected food-friendly dishes.

[Complete information and entry forms.](#)
[Mid-American Wine Competition Facebook page](#)

Results from the Indy International Wine Competition

The 2019 [INDY International Wine Competition](#) operated by the [Purdue Wine Grape Team](#) hosted the 28th annual INDY International Wine Competition on May 22 & 23, 2019 in the Purdue Memorial Union ballrooms. Over 1,800 wines from 361 wineries in 12 countries around the world were entered into this year’s competition. Here is how the commercial wineries did in Iowa and our neighboring states:

State	# of Wineries	Double Gold	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Best of Class
IA	7	4	4	16	7	8
IL	5	1	13	17	4	2
KS	1			1		
MN	6	3	2	11	5	4
MO	7	4	7	20	7	2
NE	1	1		2		1
SD	2	1	2	8	2	
WI	11	3	17	27	9	3
Totals	40	17	45	102	34	20

Note: A LaCresent made by Matt Haas at [Dubuque Heritage Winery](#) in Dubuque, IA received the overall Best Wine Award of the entire commercial competition.

You can view all the winners [HERE](#). Congratulations to all the winners!

[INDY Competition on Facebook](#)

FREE: 18 - Produce Safety Podcasts to Help Comply with FSMA



Growers seeking to comply with the [Food Safety Modernization Act](#) (FSMA) [Produce Safety Rule](#) have a new educational resource in the form of the Farmers Union Produce Safety Podcast, an educational series for fruit and vegetable farmers that takes the PSA (Produce Safety Alliance) classroom learning into the field. Hosted by the late Chris Blanchard of Purple Pitchfork, this podcast shares produce safety requirements and best practices- from harvesting to record-keeping-so that you can

take this knowledge and easily apply it your operation. Each of the 18 episodes cover different topics and range from 5-20 minutes in length.

The Farmers Union Produce Safety Podcast is **free** and available for download on iTunes or online. The podcast was produced by [Wisconsin Farmers Union](#), with support and funding from the [National Farmers Union](#), [Local Food Safety Collaborative](#), and the [Food and Drug Administration](#).

Check the podcasts out [HERE](#).

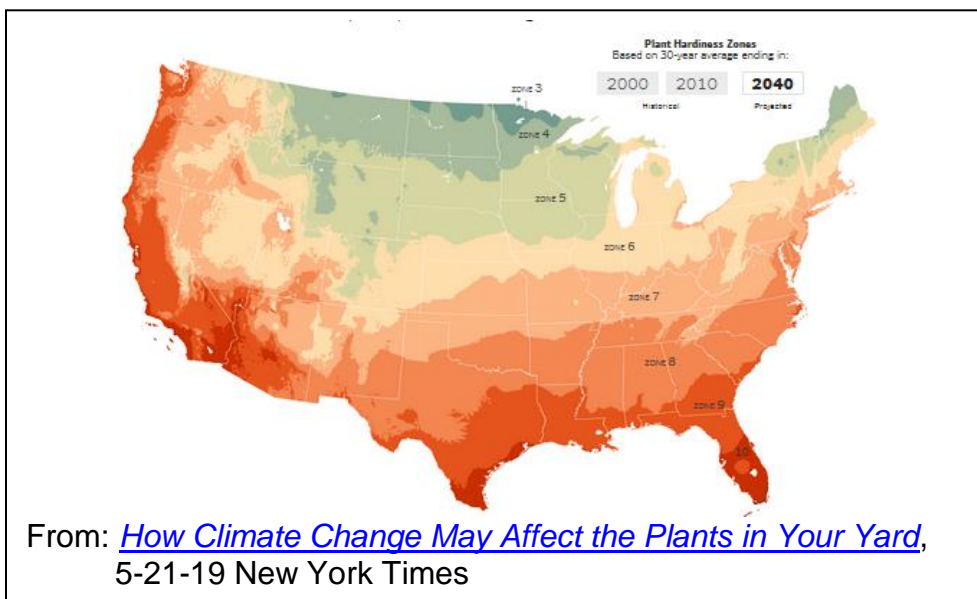
FREE: 2019 SVB Insights for Successful Consumer Wine Sales: Videocasts Parts I and II (On-Demand)

[View them here.](#)



Interactive U.S. Plant Hardiness Zones – 2000, 2010 & 2040

The interactive map below shows how USDA plant hardiness zones have moved over the past decades and how they could change in the future, according to [an analysis](#) by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



FREE: Northern Crush – New magazine about cold climate wine!

My good friends Jenny & Scott Ellenbecker, owners of [Ellenbecker Communications](#) and [Round Lake Vineyards and Winery](#) in Round Lake, Minnesota have started up a new Online magazine devoted to Cold Climate grapes, wine, and consumers. [Northern Crush](#) is intended to promote our industry. Consider subscribing to it and advertising in it. NOW,please!



(Thank You, Jenny & Scott for doing this!) mlw Check it out [HERE](#).

FREE: Three UMN/NCSARE Minnesota Vineyard Workshops

What: The grape team at the University of Minnesota is pairing up with vineyards throughout the state to offer several free vineyard tours and workshops throughout 2019-2020. We look forward to seeing you at the following events this season!

When/Where: Managing and Troubleshooting Young Grapevines

Location: The [Winery at Sovereign Estate](#), Waconia, MN.

Time: 4:00pm – 6:30 P.M. Thursday, May 30, 2019 **Done!**

Topics: Training up and tying young vines, planting technique, trellis design, first and second year disease & weed mgmt



Canopy Management Techniques and Sustainable Pest Control

Location: Smiley Vineyard, Cannon Falls, MN

Time: 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Saturday, **June 8**,

Topics: Shoot thinning, optimizing canopy density, proper vine tying, foliar nutrient testing



Monitoring and Ensuring Grape Quality

Location: [Carlos Creek Winery](#), Alexandria, MN

Time: **Early August (date TBD):**

Topics: Monitoring ripeness, estimating yields, improving crop quality, late season disease/pest mgmt

Cost: These events are **FREE**, thanks to a [SARE Partnership Grant](#).

Please register [HERE](#). To help us and our hosts plan, please RSVP at least 3 days in advance.

More information? Contact Annie Klodd at kloddann@umn.edu

2019 Iowa State Fair Wine & Beer Competition Forms Now Online ***Iowa State Fair - Aug. 8-18, 2019***

Amateur Wine & Beer: July 1 entry deadline. 1 bottle of wine, 2 bottles of beer & \$5 per entry.
<https://www.iowastatefair.org/upl/downloads/competition/premium-books/oenology-amateur-wine-beer-making-23.pdf>

Commercial Wine: July 1 entry deadline. 2 bottles & \$25 per entry
<https://www.iowastatefair.org/upl/downloads/competition/premium-books/commercial-wine-23.pdf>

Open to Iowa wines and beer only. As always, medal winners will be on exhibit at the [Wine Experience](#) at the [Iowa State Fair](#).

FREE: Savor: Nebraska Craft Wine - a [NET](#) documentary uncorks the story of an ancient industry that is flourishing in Nebraska. It premiered May 2 on NET, Nebraska's PBS & NPR Stations. It will rerun on NET Nebraska's PBS Station Friday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. See it any time online [here](#). 27:46 min.



6-2, NWGGA Viticulture Education Field Day – Raymond, NE

What: [Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association](#) viticulture field day.

Topics: Sensitive Crop Herbicide Drift

What herbicides are causing the most damage to vineyards.

Identifying the first signs of herbicide damage through leaf indexing.

What treatment(s) can be implemented to vineyards following drift damage.

Ways to neutralize herbicide drift.

Discuss forming an herbicide drift coalition with other organizations.

Mechanized leaf thinning

Canopy Management

Speakers: Eric Nelson, Mick McDowell, Dr. Paul Read, Steve Gamet and Kara Sousek

When: 2 to 5 P.M. Sunday June 2nd, 2019

Cost: **FREE** NWGGA members, \$20 non-members

Where: Eric Nelsons' Vineyard – 3300 W. Mill Road, Raymond, NE 68428

[Complete Details](#)



6-(7,11 & 18), WGGA Vineyard Walks – Wisconsin

What: During the Summer, [Wisconsin Grape Growers Association \(WGGA\)](#) is sponsoring three vineyard walks. These are casual afternoon/evening events where growers gather at a member vineyard, get out into the grapevines, talk about growing and share thoughts and ideas.

This year the three walks will be:



Friday, **June 7th**, 4pm - 7pm, at Sunset Orchard, 23770 Hustlers Ridge Dr, Richland Center, WI 53581. Mark Vignieri will be our host. This event will feature Christelle Guedot and have some time spent on discussing insect issues. We'll share an evening meal and sip some wine. **Cost \$20 per person.**

Tuesday, **June 11th**, 4pm - 7pm, at Whistler's Knoll, N2845 WI-15, Hortonville, WI 54944. Holly & Tom Boettcher will be our hosts. This event will feature horticulture discussions i.e. canopy management. Whistler's Knoll will be preparing an evening picnic with a glass of wine. **Cost \$20 per person.**

Thursday, **July 18th**, 3pm - 5pm at [Peninsular Research Station](#), Sturgeon Bay, WI. Annie Deutsch, Door County Ag Agent, will be our host. This event will feature Patty McManus and discussions on disease management. No meal at this event. **Free but you must register ahead of time.**

Here is the link where you can register for the vineyard walks:

<https://wisconsin-grape-growers-association.square.site/shop/vineyard-walks/2>

Pre-registration is required.

6-(10-14), Craft Distilling Course – Siebel Institute – Chicago, IL

What: The 5-day Craft Distilling Operations and Technology course was specifically designed to offer students the critical information needed to create quality distilled spirits in a small-scale craft operation.



When: Monday – Friday, June 10-14 2019 (35 hrs.)

Cost: \$2,960,00 each.

Complete [DETAILS](#)

FREE: 6-11, 40 min. Proactive Protein Stabilization Webinar

What: Reducing Bentonite Additions and Improving Quality in White Wines....In the last three decades, we have witnessed a general increase in protein instability levels in white wines all over the world. Enartis has outlined proactive practices winemakers can take for protein stabilization that will help maintain quality, reduce costs and increase sustainability. Find out the best way to reduce total bentonite additions and counteract the stripping effect of fining for unstable proteins. Join Enartis USA for a brief free 40 minute webinar on the following topics:



Factors Which Increase Protein Instability
Tools for Reducing Bentonite Additions
15 Minute Question and Answer Session

When: 11 a.m to Noon CST, Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Register [HERE](#)

Problems: please contact: education@enartis.com

FREE: 6-12, Webinar - Mid-Season Management Strategies

When: Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 | 7:00-8:30 PM CST

What: Mid-Season vineyard management decisions and actions are critical to a successful harvest; topics include:

- How to assess your canopy before veraison
- What fertilization if any should be considered
- Prioritizing pest and disease management
- Vineyard activities to improve fruit ripening and uniformity



Who: Fritz Westover, Viticulturist
Westover Vineyard Advising support@virtualviticultureacademy.com
[Register for free here](#)

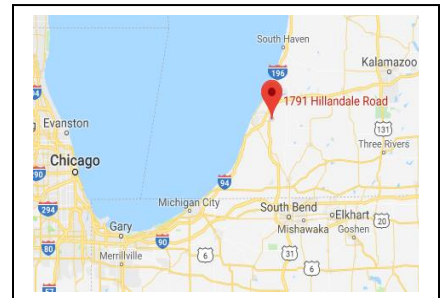
Stay up-to-date on your vineyard management knowledge and skills with [Virtual Viticulture Academy's](#) upcoming FREE webinars:

6-13, Southwest Michigan Viticulture Days *****

What: Best Viticulture Field Day in the Midwest!

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 13th, 2019

Where: [Southwest Michigan Research & Extension Center](#)
1791 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022



Who: [Dr. Richard Smart](#), [Dr. Wayne Wilcox](#), [Dr. Paolo Sabatini](#), [Tom Todaro](#) and others at the SWMREC

Cost: \$75 preregistration & \$90 at the door. Lunch, dinner and wine tasting are included.

Sponsored by: the [Michigan Grape Society](#) and [Michigan State University Extension](#).

[Sign up HERE](#)

6-18, Dr. Richard Smart Field Day – Kirkwood Community College – IA

What: Hands-on field day covering Canopy Management, Grapevine Trunk Diseases and unique [Controlled Phenolic Release \(CPR\) by microwave maceration of must, and Accentuated Cut Edges \(ACE\) method of winemaking](#).

When: 10 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18th, 2019

Where: [The Winery at Kirkwood Community College](#) – Cedar Rapids, IA

Who: [Dr. Richard Smart](#)

Sponsored by: [The Grapevine Magazine](#) & [Iowa Wine Growers Association](#)

Cost: \$40/per person Includes Lunch & Refreshments

[Registration & Details.](#)

Questions? Contact Nicole Eilers at nicole@iowawinegrowers.org or call 515-664-7754.

6-(24-28), Craft Cider Course – Siebel Institute - Chicago, IL

What: The participants of this 5-day course - created and presented by Gerrit Blümelhuber of Doemens Academy - will learn the history as well as the processes of producing cider, with an in-depth look into raw materials and the treatment of, fermentation techniques, and the packaging of the end product.



When: Monday – Friday, June 24-28 2019

Cost: \$2,605,00 each. **[Complete DETAILS.](#)**

6-27, MO Grape Growers & MO Vintners Association Annual Meeting

What: [Missouri Grape Growers Association](#) & the [Missouri Vintners Association](#) annual meeting.

Where: [Les Bourgeois Vineyards Blufftop Bistro](#) – Rocheport, MO

When: Thursday, June 27th, 2019

Who: Dr. Richard Smart one of the world's most qualified and experienced viticultural scientist and consultant with more than 50 years experience is the featured speaker



Cost: \$35 per attendee, \$100 per vendor

Registration: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4232639>

Marketing Tidbits

1. [Top five global wine industry trends of 2019](#), 5-24-19 FoodBev Media
2. [How Wineries Can Better Market to Millennials](#), 5-28-19 Beverage Industry Enthusiast

3. *“as the number of wineries in the U.S. alone exceeds 10,000. It is expected that the number of import wines into U.S. markets will soon exceed that. Offering consumers purchase guidance, as simple as medals awarded, appears to have some competitive value.”*

From: [Wine Competition Conundrums: Too Much of a Good Thing?](#) 5-29-19
WineBusiness.com

4. *“Globally, premium-plus wine consumption comprises only 13% of the wine market.”*
(Premium wine = \$20+ per bottle)

From: [Which countries consume the most premium wine?](#) 5-27-19 The Wine Gourd

5. *“Our mystery shopping data shows that tasting room hosts ask for the sale less than 70% of the time..... Pay attention to what guests are enjoying and then ask if they want to take a bottle of that wine home with them.”*

From: [Wine Industry Sales Education \(WISE\)](#)

FREE: Understanding the Customer Webinar from Wine Direct

<https://www.winedirect.com/resources/knowledge-center/webinar-understanding-the-customer-journey>

Videos of Interest

1. [Mid-Year State of the U.S. Wine Industry Update](#), Part 1 & 2 – 5-29-19 Silicon Valley Ban
2. CA: [Sonoma County vintners using barn owls for pest control](#), 5-15-19 The Press Democrat 1:36 min.
3. [Soil Health Institute YouTube Channel](#)

Notable Quotables

1. *“Kansas amended its state constitution on November 2, 1880 to prohibit “the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ... except for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes.” The statute went into effect in May 1881 and preceded national Prohibition by four decades.”*

From: [Those Days When The Kansas Prairie Had More Wine Cred Than Napa Valley](#),
2-18-19 KCUR 89.3

2. *“Quite simply, once you’re in your 40s, your body doesn’t break down alcohol as efficiently as it once did.”*

From: [The real reason you can’t handle alcohol anymore](#), 5-23-19 considerable *****

Neeto – Keeno

1. AU: [A Letter From Your Vineyard Soil](#), 5-16-19 WineTitlesMedia.com
2. [The Hosemaster of Wine Blog](#) – Good humor
3. [Ancient bust of Bacchus discovered in Rome](#), 5-30-19 the Drinks Business

Show n Tell

1. Right: 6-29-19 Corning Winery Auction
SW corner of Hwy 148 & Hwy 34
DETAILS at Todd Crill Auction Co.
2. Below: Congratulations to Matt Hass at [Dubuque Heritage Winery](#) in Dubuque, IA for beating out 1,836 other wines at the Indy [International Wine Competition](#) and chosen as the Wine of The Year. A white wine made from Iowa LaCrescent grapes. See: [Upset at Indy Wine Competition Leaves Winner Awestruck](#), 5-24-19 Dayton.com



PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, June 29th, 2019 • 10AM
Location: Intersection of US Hwy 34 and Hwy 148, Corning, IA.
Physical address: 2300 State Hwy 148, Corning, IA.

Corning Winery
Winery Equipment (various items listed)

Live Auction

Select Items Online

Special Mention Items

Compact Utility Tractor / Gator SUV / Acreage, Lawn Equipment

Corning Auto Tools / Shop Items

Antiques

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Blast from the Past

1. [Those Days When The Kansas Prairie Had More Wine Cred Than Napa Valley](#), 2-18-19 KCUR 89.3 (Excellent article about the history of Wine in Kansas). ****

Articles of Interest

1. CA: **FREE** [The Vineyard Advisor Mobil Application](#), 5-19-19 Lodi Growers
2. MI: [New Research Looks at Sustainable Spotted Wing Drosophila Controls](#), 5-20-19

Growing Produce

3. MI: [*The Grapes That Could Change Everything - A new legion of super-hardy grapes redefining the future of northern Michigan wine.*](#) 5-25-19 Northern Express
4. MN: [*How climate change is affecting Minnesota's apples and wine grapes,*](#) 5-29-19 MPR (audio file – 4:10 min.) (Interview with Jenny & John Thull)
5. MO: [*Jowler Creek Vineyard and Winery produces wine through sustainable practices,*](#) 5-30-19 The Missourian

Calendar of Events

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6-8, Canopy Management Techniques and Sustainable Pest Control Smiley Vineyard – Cannon Falls, MN. 9 – 11:30 A.M **FREE register [HERE](#)**. UMN Extension

6-(10-14), Craft Distilling Course – Siebel Institute – Chicago, IL. Complete [DETAILS](#)

6- (11-12), International Bar & Beverage Tradeshow, [Brooklyn Expo Center](#) – Brooklyn, NY [Details & Registration](#).

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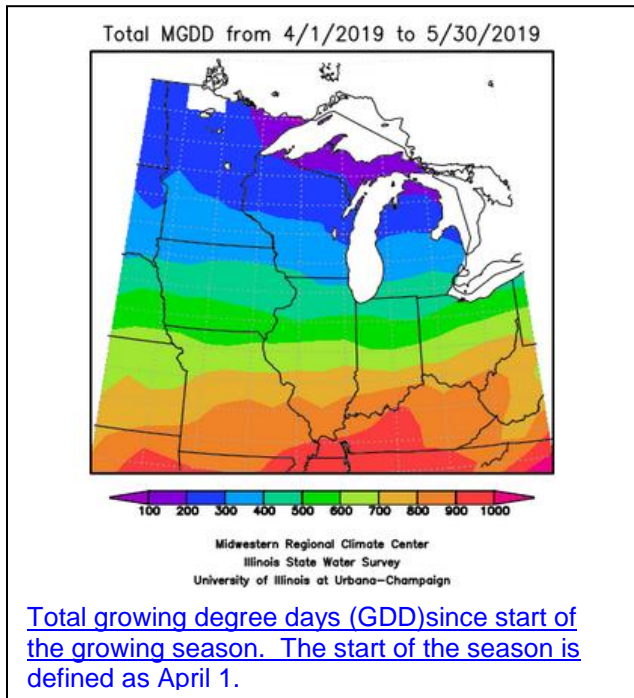
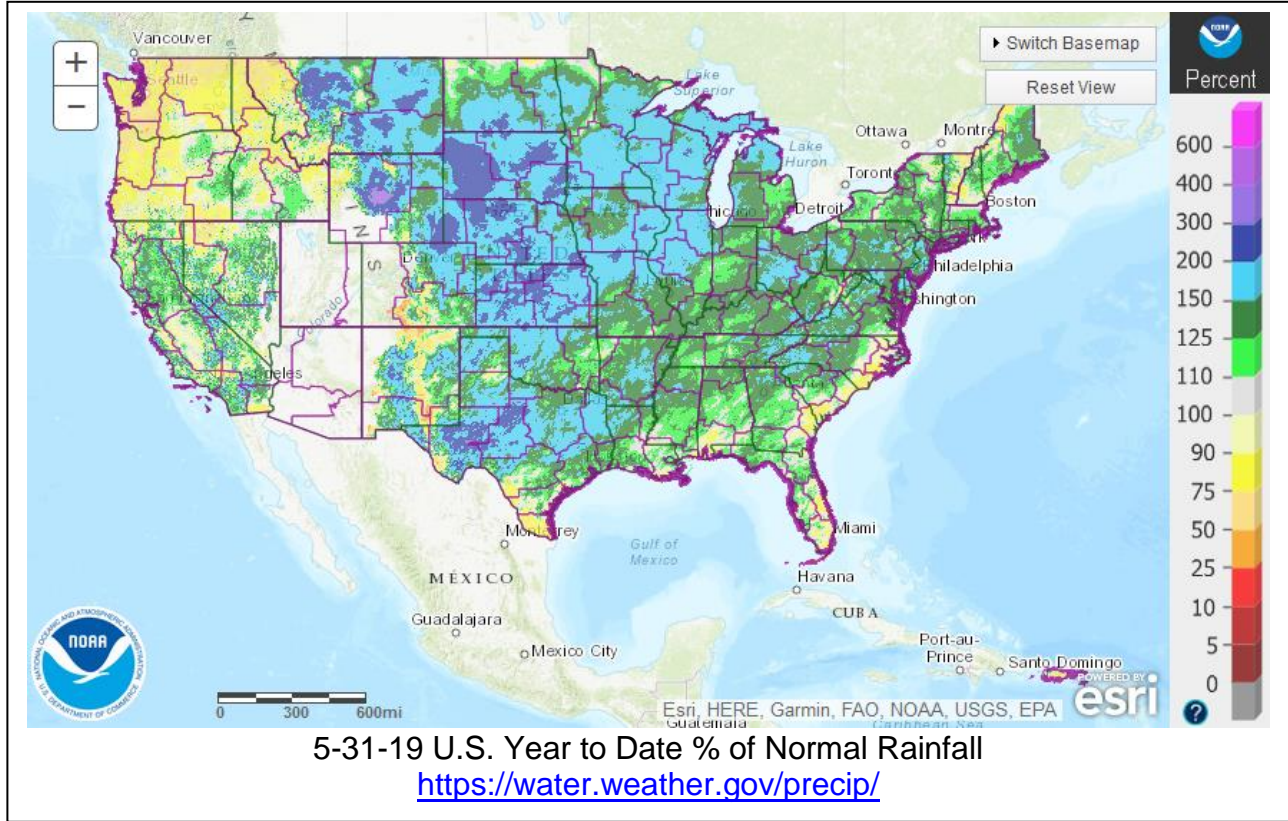
7-(7-12), International Conference on Grapevine Trunk Disease at Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. 3-31-19 Deadline, 4-30-19 Final Deadline. Details: <http://iwgtd2019.ca/>

7-(16-17), Digital Viticulture Symposium vineyard tour & equipment demonstration and Nelson J. Shaulis symposium at the ASEV-Eastern Section meetings. [Details](#).

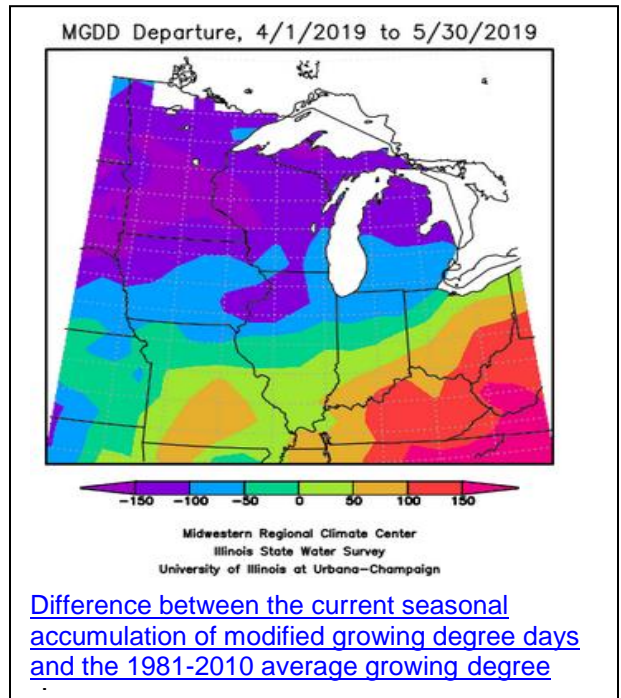
8-(15-16), North American Grape Breeders Conference – [Missouri State University](#), Mountain Grove, MO. Details later.

7-(16-18) - 2019 44th ASEV-Eastern Section Annual Meeting with Nelson J. Shaulis Symposium Geneva, NY. <https://www.asev-es.org/>

7-(12-17)-2020, International Cool Climate Wine Symposium - [CCOVI at Brock University](http://ccoivi.brocku.ca/) – St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Details: <http://iccws2020.ca/>



[Total growing degree days \(GDD\) since start of the growing season. The start of the season is defined as April 1.](#)



[Difference between the current seasonal accumulation of modified growing degree days and the 1981-2010 average growing degree](#)

[Grapes e-Xtension](#) [Iowa Wine Growers Association](#)

[ISU Viticulture Extension](#)

[ISU Midwest Grape & Wine Industry Institute](#)

[ISU 2019-20 Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide](#)

[Northern Grapes Project](#)

[A Review of Cold Climate Grape Cultivars](#)

[Wisconsin Fruit News](#)

[VESTA \(Viticulture Enology & Science Technology Alliance\)](#)

[Dr. Tom Zabadal's YouTube Channel](#)

[Mike White's YouTube Channel](#)

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[iTunes App Store \(iPhone\)](#)

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[Growing Grapes in Minnesota 168 pp. Free Download from the MGGA](#)

with 14 Best Practice videos

[The Efficient Vineyard Project – Precision Viticulture](#)

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