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Iowa's wine excise tax of \$1.75 per gallon is the third highest in the country. Alaska comes in first at \$2.50 per gallon and Florida is 2nd at \$2.20 per gallon. From Lynn Walding's, Iowa Alcohol Beverage Division 2007 IWGA Annual Conference presentation.

http://www.iowaabd.com/about_office/ABD_presentations/ABD_presentations.jsp

Successful "Nevada Uncorked" Saturday, October 6th

The first annual "Nevada Uncorked" was held on Saturday, October 6th in Nevada, Iowa.

According to the Nevada Chamber of Commerce who sponsored the event, it was a success.

The 6 hour event drew in 325 people who paid \$10 each to taste and buy wine from 9 different Iowa wineries.

Nevada Uncorked: <http://www.nevadaiowa.org/Nevada%20Uncorked/index.htm>

Pre-event article, "A Little Wine On The Prairie" by Laura Runyon of the Nevada Journal:

http://www.midiowanews.com/site/tab5.cfm?newsid=18860597&brd=2700&pag=461&dept_id=554450

Post-event article "Nevada Uncorked" by Laura Runyon of the Nevada Journal

http://www.midiowanews.com/site/tab5.cfm?newsid=18906662&BRD=2700&PAG=461&dept_id=554450&rfti=6

Photos of the event:

<http://www.midiowanews.com/site/tab5.cfm?brd=2700&pag=1006&newsid=18906662>

3rd Annual Harvest Festival at Clear Lake is Once Again a Success

I was invited for the second year in a row to work at an ISU Extension grape and wine information booth for the Clear Lake Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 6, 2007. The weather was perfect, the crowd was large and a lot of wine was poured and sold by the 4 wineries who attended.

Many people stopped by our ISU Extension booth with 100's of questions. All the comments were very positive. It was a long day of talking to a lot of people. I was surprised at the number of corn/soybean farmer types asking about growing winegrapes.

You can learn more about this event here:

http://www.clearlakeiowa.com/specialevents/harvestschedule_index.html#wine



Mike White (Left) discussing Iowa's wine industry at Clear Lake.



Wayne Huntley (center) shown standing in center of North Iowa Wine Club Display.

I met an interesting gentlemen while working the Clear Lake Harvest Festival. Wayne Huntley is the president of the **North Iowa Wine Club**. A club that I did not even know existed. I was surprised when I found out they were started in 1967 and are the oldest wine club in Iowa.

This wine club has monthly meetings that are generally held on Sunday afternoons with members bringing a bottle of wine, appetizers and knowledge to share. A wine competition is held each August. Those interested in joining can contact Wayne Huntley at (641-822-3480) or huntley@netins.net. Wayne also has an orchard and hobby winemaking supply shop in Rockwell, Iowa.

Dormant Applications of Herbicides Now - Saves Time Next Spring

For several years now, no-till corn and soybean farmers have used dormant applications of pre-emergent herbicides in late fall to prevent weed germination next spring. This frees up some very valuable time needed to prepare for spring planting. These dormant herbicide applications are applied when the average soil temperatures drop and stay below 50°F. You see, most herbicides primarily breakdown via microbial decomposition. This is why soil applied herbicides normally control weeds for only 6-8 weeks into the summer. Microbial activity drops rapidly when soil temperatures drop below 50°F. This normally occurs around the last week of October in Iowa.

Though the terms “dormant applications” for vineyard weed control in the fall are not specifically listed on the herbicide labels, the following pre-emergent herbicides can be applied in the fall and still stay within label requirements. Highly soluble herbicides prone to leaching are not recommended for

dormant fall application. Dormant herbicide applications work best when the higher rates/acre are applied. These are the herbicides you may want to consider for dormant applications:

Herbicide	Rate/Acre	Approximate Cost	Weeds Controlled
Chateau (flumioxazin)	6-12 oz.	\$31 - \$71	annual broadleaves (a) suppression of grasses
Goal 2XL (oxyfluorfen)	5 - 8 pt.	\$63 - \$100	annual broadleaves (a) suppression of grasses
Karmex XP (diuron)	2 – 5 lbs.	\$10 - \$25	Annual grasses & broadleaves (b)
Princep 4L (simazine)	2 - 4.8 qt.	\$10 - \$24	annual broadleaves &
Princep 90DF(simazine)	2.2 - 5.3 lbs.	\$10 - \$24	grasses (b)
Prowl 3.3 EC (pendimethalin)	2.4 – 4.8 qt.	\$18 – \$35	annual grasses (c) suppression of broadleaves
Surflan 4AS (oryzalin)	2 – 6 qt.	\$38 - \$114	annual grasses suppression of broadleaves

Rate/Acre = broadcast acre rates. Banded applications would require less material.

- a. Do not apply to vines established less than 2 years unless trellised with leaves at least 3 feet above ground. .
- b. Do not apply to vineyards established less than 3 years.
- c. Do no apply to vineyards that will be harvested within one year of application.

Most vineyards will have numerous perennial and winter annual weeds growing under the wire. Post-emergent burndown herbicides like Roundup(glyphosate) and Rely(glufosinate) can be tank-mixed with the pre-emergent herbicides to kill these existing weeds. Translocated herbicides like Roundup and/or Rely work best when daytime temperatures are above 60°F with sunny conditions. Chateau, Goal, and Karmex all have burndown properties on existing green weeds.. The addition of crop oil concentrate will enhance these burndown properties.

Additional Resources:

Midwest Small Fruit & Grape Spray Guide: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/hort/ext/sfg/>
Pesticide labels & MSDS sheets here: <http://www.cdms.net/LabelsMsds/LMDefault.aspx>

Note: Pesticide Labels Change Often, Always Read and Follow Label Directions.

4-Evening Commercial Winegrape 101 Series Offered at Spencer, Iowa.

What: Commercial Winegrape 101 Series

Times: 6 PM Registration, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Presentations

Where: Clay County ISU Extension Office, 110 West Fourth St.
Ste 100 Spencer, IA (712-262-2264)

Location: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/contactus>

Who: Mike White, ISU Extension Viticulture Specialist

- Oct 29th - Introduction to the Iowa Vine/Wine Industry
- Monday - AgMRC DVD Vine/Wine Video Series
- Grape Growing 101 Overview & Costs
- Nov. 5th - Winegrape Cultivars
- Monday - Trellis Systems
- Pruning & Canopy Management
- Nov. 12th - Weed Control in the Vineyard
- Monday - Disease Control in the Vineyard
- Vineyard Sprayers
- Nov. 19th - Insect Control in the Vineyard
- Monday - Animal Control in the Vineyard
- Establishing a Small Winery
- Little Swan Lake Winery (Guest Speaker)

Cost: \$29 / person / session or \$99 for all four sessions. Pay at the door. Maximum of 25 people.

Registration Required: Contact the Clay County ISU Extension office (712-262-2264)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007.

Pay \$1,500 for the Opportunity to Pick Grapes for 3 days in Sonoma County

Yep, people are actually flying into Sonoma County and paying \$1,500 for the opportunity to harvest grapes, drink wine, mingle with other oenophiles and feast on the food. Check it out here:

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/article/20070928/NEWS/709280302/1033/NEWS01>

Quote of the Week

The 50 largest U.S. wineries produce over 87% of all wine produced in the U.S.

U.S. wineries are located in all 50 states, and are mostly family-owned and operated. They produce, on average, less than 10,000 cases each. From <http://www.freethegrapes.org>

Oct. 27 & 28 Wine Sensory Workshop in Northeast Iowa

What: Wine Sensory Workshop

Where/When : 8 A.M. – 8 P.M. Saturday, Oct. 27, Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta, IA
8 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Sunday, Oct. 28, Park Farm Winery, Bangston, IA

Who: Ray Johnson, Santo Rosa Junion College, VESTA Instructor and Author of “Good Life Guide to Enjoying Wine”

Cost: \$150 per person (No cost to VESTA students currently enrolled in VIN 266)
Class Size Limited to 24 Participants

Registration information: http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN_266_Workshop.htm

Annual Schleswig, Iowa Wine Contest

(taken from Fall 2007 “From the Grape Vine” Western Iowa Grape Growers Association newsletter)

The 32nd Annual Schleswig Wine contest will take place on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at the Schleswig Country Club. Judging begins at 1 PM. Those who submit wine must not be associated with commercial wine making.

Exhibitors may make as many entries as they wish. There is a \$3 charge for each wine pre-registered. There is a \$4 charge for entries entered on the day of judging. Contact Coleen R. Russell in Ida Grove (712-282-4402) for further information about entering your wine into this contest.

Wine tasters will also be needed for this event on Sunday. Dr. Dennis Crabb will host a tasting seminar at the Schleswig Club House on Saturday evening, October 20 at 7 PM. This event is lots of fun and a great learning experience. Dr Crabb is highly knowledgeable about wine, and he has one of the most discriminating palates in the Midwest. Contact Don Thompson at (712-643-5333) or tommytee@iowatelecom.net for further information on these two items.

VESTA Awarded 3-Year, \$2.9 mm Grant from the National Science Foundation

The Viticulture Enology Science & Technology Alliance (VESTA) was established 3 years ago to provide Online viticulture and enology training. It is centered out of Missouri State University and works with community colleges, state agriculture agencies, vineyards and wineries in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa. The VESTA program has enrolled 270 students from 27 states over the last 3 years. VESTA currently has 4 viticulture, 5 enology and 2 winery management courses online this fall. Iowans can enroll through Northeast Iowa Community College at Peosta here: <http://www.nicc.edu/>

It was announced in late September the VESTA had been awarded a \$2.927 million 3 year grant from the National Science Foundation. Goals for the next 3 years include more courses, expanding from the current 4 states to 12 states and working closer with high school agriculture programs. You can learn more about VESTA or their new grant here: <http://www.vesta-usa.org/>

Kevin Ker will be Featured Speaker at Nebraska Fall Workshop

What: University of Nebraska Viticulture 2007 Winery & Grape Growers Fall Workshop

When: 8 am Saturday, November 3, 2007

Where: The newly remodeled Holiday Inn, Downtown Lincoln, NE

<http://www.holidayinn.com> , Front Desk: 402-475-4011

(Special room rate of \$89/night is available)

Featured Speaker: Kevin Ker, world renowned viticulture specialist from Brook University and the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. Kevin is also the owner/operator of KCMS Applied Research & Consulting: <http://www.kcms.ca/default.asp>

Cost: \$69 each for Nebraska Wine Grape Grower Association members. \$79 for non-members.

Fee will cover Continental Breakfast, lunch, break refreshments and the end of session wine reception.

Registration Online here: <http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture/>

Sponsor: University of Nebraska – Lincoln Viticulture Program

Vineyard Freeze Damage Workshop, Dec. 5 & 6 at Univ. of MO-Columbia

What: Understanding and Preventing Freeze Damage in Vineyards

Where: University of Missouri-Columbia; Columbia, MO, Memorial Union; Mark Twin Room

When: 8 A.M. – 7:30 P.M., Wed. Dec. 5th & 8 A.M. – 1 P.M. Thurs. Dec. 6th, 2007

Speakers: Dr. Barclay Poling, NC State University
Dr. Martin Goffinet, Cornell University, NY
Dr. Imed Dami, Ohio State University
Dr. David Zoldoske, California State University-Fresno
Mr. Kevin Ker of Brock University, Ontario, Canada
Dr. Keith Striegler, University of Missouri-Columbia
Mr. Andy Allen, Extension Viticulturist, University of Missouri-Columbia
Dr. Patrick Guinan, State Climatologist, University of Missouri – Columbia
Representatives from USDA-RMA (Risk Management Agency)
Mr. Gene Cowherd, Windymont Vineyards, Purdy, MO
Mr. Lynn Gay, Hindsville Farms, Hindsville, AK

Registration: \$150 each. Includes all workshop materials, printed proceedings, Wednesday evening reception, parking pass, refreshments and lunch for both days. Seating will be limited to 165 participants. Full Registration information and form here: <http://iccve.missouri.edu/events/>

Lodging: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. <http://holidayinn.com> The discount rate through November 20 will be \$79.95. Reservations can be made by calling (573-445-8531) and mention the code “FPW” to receive the discounted room rate.

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After a 4% gain in 2006, the U.S. wine market is projected to jump another 5% by the end of 2007. Americans are expected to further increase their consumption in the foreseeable future and at current rates, the United States is expected to surpass France as the world's largest wine market before 2015.: <http://www.winespectator.com/Wine/Features/0,1197,4009,00.html>

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1. “How To Be a Wine Sales Rep”: http://www.weimax.com/how_to_be_a_wine_sales_rep.htm
2. “How to Hold a Wine Tasting for the Trade:
http://www.weimax.com/how_to_hold_a_trade_wine-tasting.htm
3. Wine Peeks TV: http://www.winepeeks.com/wine_videos.htm

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