



your Lake County HORTICULTURAL NOTES

FEBRUARY 1994

!!! MARK CALENDARS !!!

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March 10	HANDS-ON PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING Lake County Fairgrounds (contact us or see January <u>Hort Notes</u>)

ORCHARD AND VINEYARD THERMOMETER TESTING

The U.S. National Weather Service will again be testing thermometers this year. The schedule is as follows:

Bring thermometers in by Monday, February 28
Testing will be done on Wednesday, March 2
Pick up thermometers by Friday, March 5th

New thermometer tags will be provided at the Farm Advisor's office. Thermometers will not be tested without your name on a new tag on each one. You are welcome to stop in and pick up a supply of tags ahead of time. The following instructions were forwarded to us by the Weather Service Meteorologist who will be testing the thermometers:

- 1) Store and transport thermometers in a sturdy box or container with the bulb end down. This will help prevent separation. Do not store or transport in a paper or plastic bag.
- 2) Thermometers must be clean of chemicals and dust or they will not be tested.



- 3) Do not use rubber bands or wire to tie the thermometer testing tags to the thermometers. Rubber bands easily come loose causing the tags to fall off. Wire is sharp and can easily cut.
- 4) Please have your name clearly marked on the thermometer testing tag.
- 5) The thermometer testing tag should not be attached to the bulb end of the thermometer as that end is emersed in water during testing.

Fruit Frost Report recordings are furnished by the Agricultural Commissioner's office. The telephone numbers are available to commercial growers by calling the Ag Commissioner's office at 263-2271, the Farm Advisor's office at 263-2281 or your local pear packing shed or winery. For your ease in accessing the recordings, these numbers are unlisted and not available to the general public. **PLEASE KEEP THEM CONFIDENTIAL!** The general public has access to these reports from the following radio stations and schedules:

- KNTI** - beginning March 7 - 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. -
7 days per week
- KUKI** - beginning March 7 - on the hour from 6-11 p.m.
- K-WINE** - beginning March 7 - on the hour after the news,
starting 6 p.m. until midnight
- KXBX** - no regular broadcasts will be run. Pertinent
information will be incorporated into their regular
news reports.

Again, to allow you access to the recordings more readily, please refer your non-grower friends to these radio schedules.

WINE GRAPE DAY 1994

Wine Grape Day is presented annually by the California Association of Winegrape Growers in cooperation with California State University, Fresno, and the University of California, Davis.

The program is designed for growers producing grapes for wine, juice or concentrate and for others involved in these and related industries.

Topics to be presented include new developments in controlling powdery mildew, wine market trends, suppression of phylloxera, the 1993 concentrate market and a panel on the 1993 supply/price

situation with implications for 1994. A retirement testimony will be held for Dr. Vince Petrucci of California State University, Fresno, who will reflect on his 45 years of viticultural teaching and research.

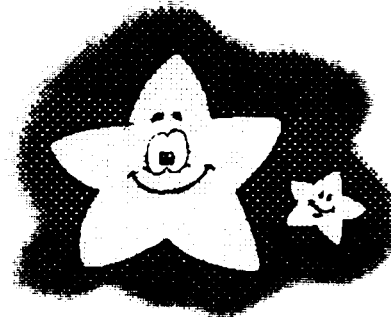
The event will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Registration is \$50.00 and includes lunch. For further information or to register, call 916-752-1915 or contact our office for a registration form.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

1993 was a challenging year for Lake County agriculture, to say the least. Despite difficulties, growers and others continued to be enormously supportive of UCCE efforts. Some field plots have been "put to bed" for the winter, while others continue to demand the input of both researchers and cooperators. Once again, we extend our deepest gratitude to those who have donated trial sites, labor, energy, money and time to UCCE's cause. For 1993, we particularly acknowledge (in alphabetical order):

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