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Support for Extension Viticulture Activities

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OBJECTIVE

To provide educational programming in support of the Oregon winegrape industry through delivery of educational seminars, newsletters, the *Northwest Berry & Grape InfoNet*, Extension publications, site visits, and telephone consultations.

RESULTS

During 1997, OSU Extension offered a grapevine grafting workshop attended by more than 100 people. The workshop covered fundamentals of grafting, discussion and demonstration of grafting tools and supplies, and panel discussions on bench grafting and field grafting.

The "Pest Control Guide for Wine Grapes" was revised in 1997. Funds from this project supported printing and mailing of this publication to the complete OWAB mailing list. Additionally, annual revisions were made to the grape sections of the "1997 Plant Disease Control Handbook" and the "1997 Insect Control Handbook." Four issues of the "Winegrape Maturity Report" were published and mailed, and posted on the Northwest Berry & Grape InfoNet. Winegrape news and information were posted on the electronic newsletter "Willamette Valley Winegrape News" (on the InfoNet) and to the e-mail discussion group, NWGRAPE.

OSU Extension continued to provide one-on-one support for winegrape growers in the six county North Willamette District (Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties) by responding to numerous telephone requests for information and site visits to farms to assist growers with management decisions. Additionally, numerous telephone consultations were made with Oregon grape growers outside the North Willamette District.

A survey was conducted to assess the frequency and distribution of phylloxera infestations in the state. Results of the survey were reported at the 1998 Oregon Horticultural Society meeting.