

## Winter Irrigation

To date, the San Joaquin Valley has only received 24% of normal (0.85 inches) precipitation since October (see table on page 2). The long-term forecast looks bleak too, with limited precipitation predicted for January, which is typically the wettest month of the season. With limited rainfall expected for the San Joaquin Valley, growers should consider irrigating young vineyards or those planted to sandy soils and/or having a compromised root system.

In past springs, California grape growers observed severe delayed spring growth (DSG), the symptoms of which include irregular and poor bud-break and low shoot vigor. Entire vineyards were affected. Many of the vineyards that displayed erratic growth patterns were Thompson Seedless, but other varieties were also affected. Much of what we know about this phenomenon is from comparing cultural practices (e.g. irrigation), nutrient analysis, and site evaluation (e.g. soils and pests) in areas displaying DSG symptoms with non-symptomatic sites.

### Symptoms

Symptoms of DSG vary in degrees of expression and at times may mimic other biotic (pest or disease) or abiotic (environmental) maladies. It is important to note that some of those maladies may also contribute to DSG depending on severity.

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#### Symptoms of Delayed Spring Growth include:

- Poor and uneven bud-break
- Stunted growth
- Smaller flower clusters or complete abortion of clusters
- Failure and ultimately death of individual buds
- Sucker growth at the base or head of the vine

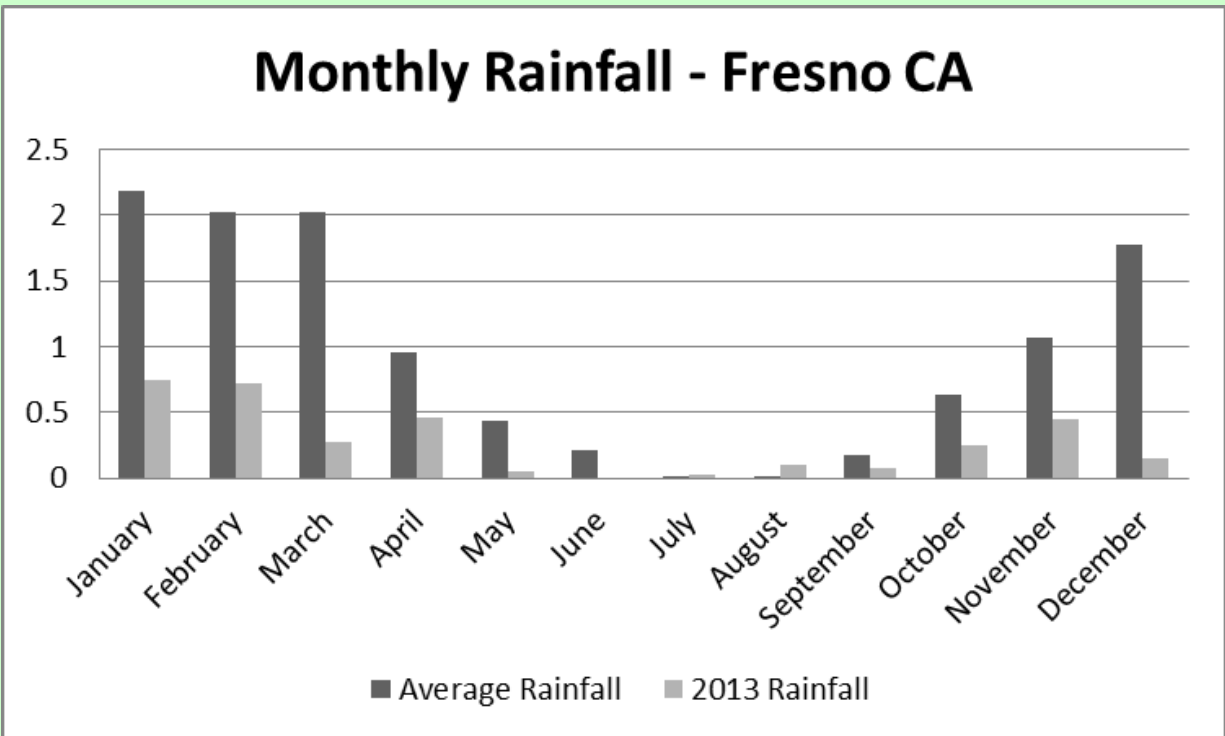
#### Water Stress: A Predisposing Factor of Delayed Spring Growth

Inadequate water after harvest and through the winter is thought to induce DSG. After fruit harvest grapevines continue to assimilate carbohydrates and mineral nutrients which are needed to maintain health during dormancy and new growth the following season.

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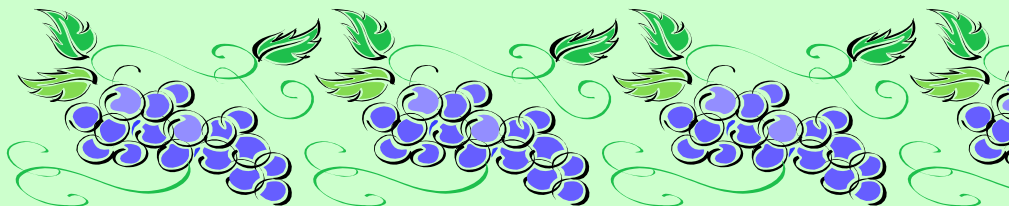
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Post harvest water stress can hinder those processes. Adequate soil moisture is also needed to rehydrate desiccated vine tissues in late winter, in preparation for bud break.

Normally after harvest a traditional flood-irrigated raisin vineyard has gone two months without water. Wine grape vineyards, depending on variety and harvest date, may also have long periods without being irrigated. Deciding when to irrigate a particular vineyard depends on many factors but soil type and vine vigor/health are probably most important. Sandy soils will be depleted of soil moisture much faster than finer textured soils, and vines may show symptoms of water stress while fruit matures or during the raisin drying process. Vineyards planted to finer textured soils may not show stress and often times do not need to be irrigated until later, when temperatures get cooler (October or November). This will prevent late season growth and encourage cane maturity.



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### Factors that should be considered when making decisions on late season irrigations:

- Soil type and problems (sandy soils or those with soil pests)
- Trellis type and canopy size
- Rootstock type
- Vineyard age
- Pest pressure
- Time of last irrigation
- Climatic conditions post-harvest
- Climatic conditions during the winter

Poor winter rainfall can enhance DSG, especially when a post-harvest irrigation was not applied. A winter irrigation is strongly suggested when rainfall is less than an inch during the months of November and December. Note that mature vineyards maintained on drip irrigation do not suffer fluctuations between wet and dry and are able to begin storing carbohydrates during harvest, reducing water stress symptom. Young vineyards (1-3 years) should be irrigated when winter rainfall is minimal regardless of soil type.

### Summary

Probably the most important factor in causing DSG is water availability post harvest and during the winter. Without available water during late summer, grapevines are unable to maintain a healthy canopy. This in turn hinders nutrient acquisition and photosynthesis, both needed for producing carbohydrate reserves in permanent wood structures used during dormant respiration and new growth the following season. When deciding on a post harvest irrigation or fertilization, soil type, vine vigor and health, and time of year should be taken into consideration. Assuring that a portion (at least 1/3) of the soil profile is re-wetted by mid December will also help to minimize the effects of cold damage.



## Publications from the University of California

### GRAPE PEST MANAGEMENT—Third Edition

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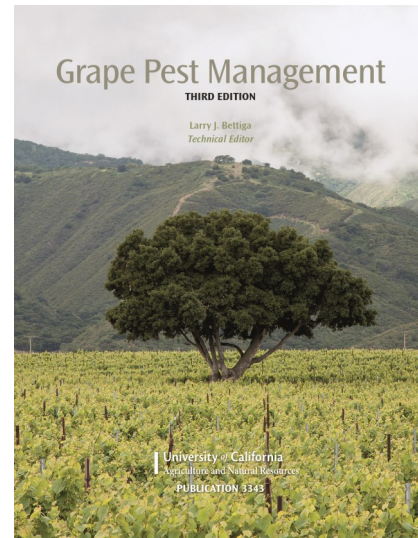
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 Easton, CA  
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#### **U.C. Davis University Extension Meetings (800) 752-0881**

#### ***Introduction to Wine Analysis***

March 8, 2014  
 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
 1127 North Mondavi  
 Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food  
 Old Davis Road  
 Davis, CA  
 Section: 133VIT205

#### ***Current Wine and Winegrape Research***

February 12, 2014  
 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.  
 Davis Conference Center, Ballroom A,B, and C  
 Old David Rd. Davis, CA  
 Section: 133VIT203



## NEW DATE

A new date has been set for the 7th International Table Grape Symposium to be held in Australia.

The Australian organizing committee is planning on holding the meeting **November 11-14, 2014.**

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- 7:00 am** Registration
- 7:45 am** Morning Welcome
- 8:00 – 8:25 am** **Research Update: Rootstocks for Raisin Production**  
*Sonet VanZyl, California State University, Fresno*
- 8:25 – 8:50 am** **Research Update: Canopy Management in Dry-on-Vine (DOV) Raisin Vineyards**  
*Matthew Fidelibus, UC Davis & UC Kearney Ag Center, Parlier CA*
- 8:50 – 9:30 am** **Dynamics of Nitrogen Reserves in Grapevines and Vineyard Nitrogen and Potassium Requirements**  
*Larry Williams, UC Davis*
- 9:30 - 9:55 am** **Raisin Moth Biology, Damage and Management**  
*Kent Daane, UC Berkeley & UC Kearney Ag Center, Parlier CA*
- 9:55 – 10:15 am** BREAK
- 10:15– 10:45 am** **Research Update: Raisin Grape Breeding Program**  
*Craig Ledbetter, USDA-ARS, Parlier CA*
- 10:45 – 11:15 am** **Economics of Producing Raisins**  
*Annette Levi, California State University, Fresno*
- 11:15–12:00 pm** **Research Update: Grapevine Trunk Diseases and Grower Survey**  
*Kendra Baumgartner*
- 12:00 pm** LUNCH

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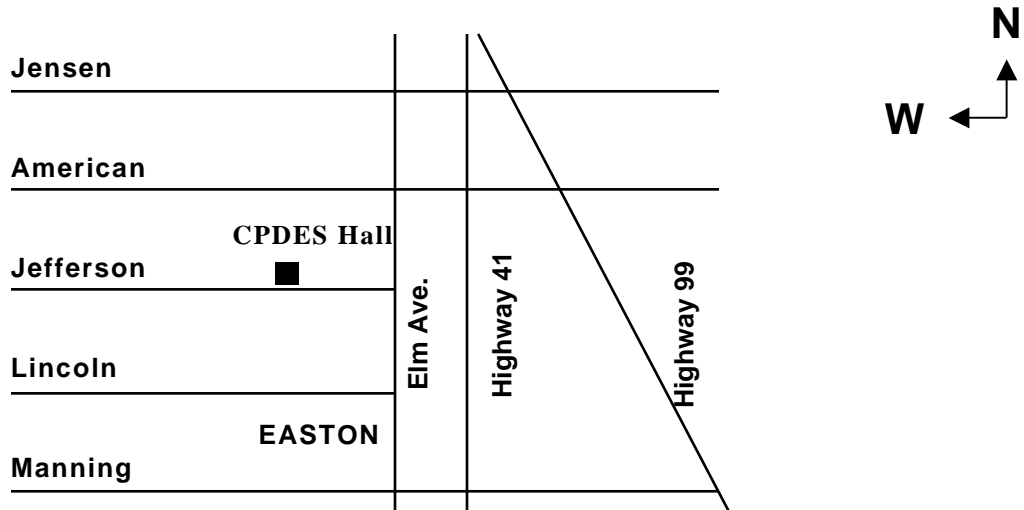
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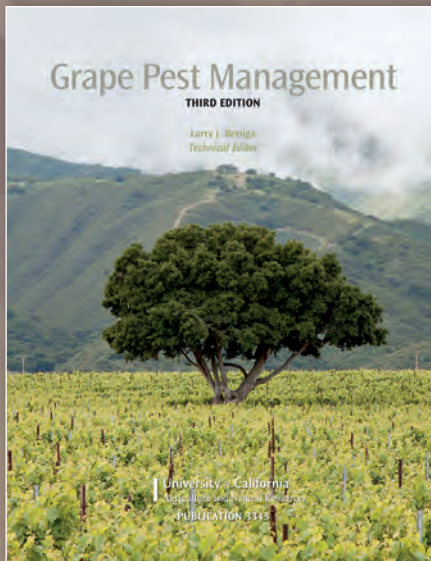
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- Diagnostic techniques for identifying vineyard problems
- Detailed descriptions of more than a dozen diseases, including greatly updated sections on powdery mildew, Pierce's disease and grapevine trunk diseases
- Comprehensive, illustrated listings of insect and mite pests, including the recently emerging glassy-winged sharpshooter and Virginia creeper leaf-hopper
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powdery  
mildew



Severe infection showing  
black scarring on the shoots.

2

Mealybugs



Argentine ant tending obscure  
mealybug on a Chardonnay cluster in  
a central coast vineyard.

3

European  
grapevine  
moth



Female European grapevine  
moth (*Lobesia botrana*).

4

Grapevine  
trunk  
diseases



A wedge-shaped canker is the  
typical vascular symptom of  
*Botryosphaeria* canker.

5

Glassy-winged  
sharpshooter



Adult glassy-winged sharpshooter  
(*Homalodisca vitripennis*).

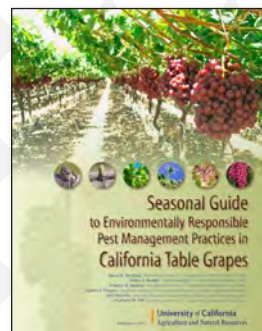
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**A Conversation with Larry Bettiga,** technical editor of *Grape Pest Management* and a 35-year veteran of grape pest management.

- Q. Can you summarize what's new that readers of earlier editions of *Grape Pest Management* will find in the third edition?
- A. *The new edition includes the results of updated sampling and monitoring techniques, pesticide resistance issues, and management practices. Also, it describes in detail major new grape pests, like the vine mealybug, glassy-winged sharpshooter, Virginia creeper leaf-hopper, light brown apple moth, and European grapevine moth, which are the most common new pests.*
- Q. What has caused the increase of grape pests?
- A. *The global movement of people and products and the potential for the movement of non-native plant and animal species have high-risk consequences. When pest introductions are not detected and contained early, their establishment as pest species becomes more problematic.*
- Q. Can you estimate annual losses related to grape pests in California?
- A. *Although annual losses are difficult to estimate, grape production in California had a farm gate value of \$4.4 billion in 2012. As grape pests affect both the quantity and quality of grapes, our goal is to minimize economic losses through pest management practices. The information in Grape Pest Management can help growers implement best management practices.*

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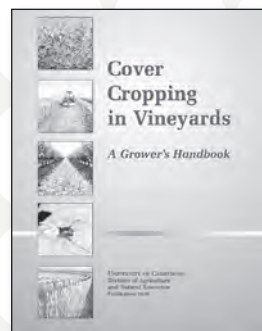
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- **Cultural controls**—practices that reduce pest establishment, reproduction, dispersal, and survival, e.g., changing irrigation practices because too much water can increase root disease and weeds
- **Mechanical and physical controls**—controls that kill a pest directly or make the environment unsuitable for it, such as mulches for weed management
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