

Welcome to the Sonoma County Grape Growers Association's IPM Fieldbook

Within the modest width of this binder you will find a work designed to enhance your pest management program, and expand and refine your current IPM practices. The materials have been developed by the SCGGA's IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Project and essential references have been gleaned from local and state sources for their functional, vital nature in assisting growers with good pest management practices. From the bright Pest I.D. Sheets to the Fieldlog Monitoring Reports, this handy IPM Fieldbook will likely be a favorite tool for your dedication to excellence in winegrowing and IPM.

The IPM Fieldbook is broadly divided into two sections; the first to be used directly for field monitoring and the second is a compendium of IPM resources.

The monitoring section is intended to be a companion to the Grower Appellation Meetings now in their fourth year. In the monitoring section you will find eight Pest I.D. Sheets plus five Sheets in Spanish, each of which outlines the key elements of a major pest with pictures of the pest and the damage, and a calendar of monitoring techniques that will provide the best information for IPM practices.

Also in the monitoring section are blank Fieldlog Monitoring Reports. These reports will allow you to record pest activity and damage in a way that is consistent with protocols being developed by the SCGGA's IPM Project. The Fieldlog Monitoring Reports can be entered into the SCGGA's central IPM Fieldlog (a computer database), or can be used as stand-alone monitoring sheets for your vineyards. If you choose to forward your Pest Monitoring Reports to the IPM Fieldlog, you will discover a useful instrument for making informed pest management decisions.

The IPM resource section of this Fieldbook offers the most requested and referred to items from the Grower Appellation Meetings. Included are: the list of diagnostic laboratories and the suppliers of yellow sticky traps and red delta traps for male vine mealybugs, both compiled by Rhonda Smith; Sonoma County Pesticide Use Summary; Sonoma County Vineyard Pesticide Profiles; the University of California's Agricultural Publications catalog (you can order the Natural Enemies Handbook, or Cover Cropping in Vineyards, or the Grower's Weed Identification Handbook, or Vineyards in an Oak Landscape, etc.); and a number of other references.

The Sonoma County Grape Growers Association considers this Fieldbook to be an interactive work-in-progress and invites you to attend the Grower Appellation Meetings, use the Monitoring Reports and give your input regarding this Fieldbook to help our winegrowers have the best tools in the industry.