

## **2016 LERGP Growers' Conference**

When: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Location: Fredonia State University

The 2016 Lake Erie Regional Grape Program Growers' Conference will feature experts from many fields on a number of important topics. In order to provide participants with the maximum number of topics to choose from we are bringing back 'break out sessions' in the afternoon. As always, the day will be full of information on the latest research-based tools that can be taken home and applied to your vineyard. Conference participants will hear about topics ranging from Crop Insurance and Frost Protection, Cover Crops and the EQUIP Program, Labor Efficiency and Health Insurance for Growers and Employees to an Update on the SCRI project and grower experiences with using NDVI sensors in their vineyard operations.

While everyone comes to the LERGP Growers Conference each year to hear the research based information being developed by Cornell University and Penn State faculty and extension staff as well as other speakers from across the country, many are looking for those elusive pesticide recertification credits required by the New York State DEC and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. For those attending this year's conference, you will not be disappointed.

Included in this year's agenda will be the opportunity to hear about Grape Berry Moth from A to Z (yes, people still have questions about it), Control of Perennial and Invasive Weeds, Modes of Action (how do you choose your insecticides?), and a Worker Protection Standard update, all in the morning session. We have applied for 2.5 credits for those with a NYS DEC pesticide applicators license and are hoping to get 4 category and 1 core credits for Pennsylvania applicators for this session.