



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **\*\*OVS Container Recycling Day\*\***

*Friday - 6/19*

*OVS Salem Warehouse*

*9am - 4pm*

*Yamhill County Fair*

*Yamhill County Fairgrounds*

*7/29 - 8/1*

*Nut Growers Society Summer Tour*

*Linn County Expo*

*8/5*

*Clackamas County Fair*

*Clackamas County Fairgrounds*

*8/15 - 8/23*

*Farwest Show*

*Oregon Convention Center*

*8/27 - 8/29*

### **\*\*OVS Container Recycling Day\*\***

*Saturday - 9/19*

*OVS McMinnville Store*

*8am - Noon*

### **\*\*Proudly offered as a FREE service!\*\***

*All jugs and buckets must be triple-rinsed.*

*Labels, caps and metal handles must*

*be removed. No boxes.*

## We'd Like to Know What You Think!

Look for the **Tell Us How We're Doing** button on the OVS Homepage to share your thoughts, questions, suggestions and requests. We're waiting to hear from you!

TELL US HOW WE'RE DOING



June 2015

## 2015 Yields Heavy Mite Pressure

So far 2015 has thrown us numerous curveballs, which include one of the earliest bud breaks to date and dodging a few frost scares—fortunately, most growers escaped unscathed. One which seemingly persists is heavy mite pressure. Every year in the Willamette Valley it is not uncommon to see mild damage caused by Rust mites and Erineum mites; historically, population suppression was easily achieved by the standard early season Microthiol and Purespray Green applications.



Until 2014, Erineum mite damage was commonly viewed as aesthetic and posed no serious risk to the vines or the crop. Since then, population levels seem to have exploded. I have walked a number of vineyards this season that are symptomatic of heavy mite pressure; some of which have made their way on to flower clusters and shoot tips. At this point the vine's health is impacted, as well as potential yields. It is my belief that the bulk of this damage is attributed to our early bud break, followed by long periods of cooler weather and stagnant growth, which provides plenty of time for these critters to damage plant tissue and lay their eggs. Often times during "normal" seasons we see a period of rapid growth following bud break, in this case the vines are able to outgrow the damage, making the flower clusters and shoot tips less susceptible to infestation.

Tank mixes containing Vintre/Oroboost and a heavy handed rate of Microthiol (5-6lb/acre) always seemed to do the trick in years past; however this year's mite populations seem to be unaffected by them. This warrants the use of other chemistries; some of which have been approved for use by LIVE. Two worth taking note of are Envidor 2SC and Grandevo. Due to the nature of these chemistries, applications in close proximity to bloom (surrounding crops included) are highly discouraged.

Envidor 2SC is best tank mixed with OVS Penetrant as an adjuvant, and offers some residual control and is effective on both eggs and mites in the nymph stage. It is imperative that growers and applicators exercise extreme caution when applying, as bees and other pollinators are extremely sensitive to this miticide.

Grandevo is another LIVE approved chemistry, and also serves as an organic option for non conventional farms. Like Envidor, good coverage is essential with this application, so an adjuvant like Vintre or Oroboost (for organic growers) is ideal to enhance spreading of the active ingredient. Grandevo is best applied over 2 applications to help extend its length of efficacy. This chemistry is much more bee friendly in comparison to Envidor, however it is important to bear in mind that it can have bee repellent properties for up to 4-6 days after application.

Although most cases do not warrant a miticide application, if you're seeing extensive mite damage in your vineyard, I encourage you to assess the severity and discuss your observations with an Ag Supplies associate or your agronomist.

*Nick Arnold, OVS Agronomics*

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## New OVS Board Member Position Created!

Interested in becoming an integral part of OVS' future and continued success? We recently created a new position on our Board of Directors for a candidate with strong business management and marketing credentials.

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## MacroBin Season!

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**\$6,800** - McMinnville



Mahindra tractor w/ 50 hp engine, hydrostatic transmission and low hours. Stock #42594  
**\$23,500** - McMinnville



Weiss McNair sweeper 2,055 hours, 7'6" header. Stock #40024  
**\$25,900** - Aurora

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## OVS Pasco - New Washington Outlet Warehouse!

With the welcome response we have received from many of you in Eastern Washington and Oregon, we have recently decided to speed up our efforts to move our outlet warehouse from Umatilla to Pasco. Our new facility is centrally located at **1810 E Frontier Loop, Pasco**, next door to RDO John Deere Equipment. Since it was formerly the Ewing Irrigation facility, it was already constructed to be an Ag Supply business. With the increase in storage space and easy access in and out of the facility we are also making this move to increase our inventory to better serve your needs. OVS has built its reputation for over 35 years as being easy and convenient to work with. Having this location for our growers, plus the ability to have what you need, when you need it, is just the next step in our efforts to better serve you. Thank You very much for your continued business. Without your support none of this would be possible.



*Dan Clark & Ron Benitz - OVS Pasco Agronomics*

## Spray Adjuvants Have Specific Purposes

Spray adjuvants are not just expensive, unnecessary products that dealers add on to inflate the bill, they unquestionably serve a valuable purpose. At OVS, we only recommend a spray adjuvant if we feel it improves the efficacy of the spray. However, each adjuvant has a specific role or roles and is not intended to be randomly exchanged with other adjuvants. I often hear a grower say, "I've got some stuff lying around the barn, I'll just use that." That attitude can get you in trouble. For example, most oil-based adjuvants should never be used with sulfur because they can cause phytotoxicity (leaf burn). Pinolenes (Nu-Film P or 17, Sustain or Surfex P, among others) should not be used with a botryticide, because the botryticide needs to spread over the entire surface area. Pinolenes are 'sticker-stayers,' they hold the spray materials right where they land on the plant. That's great to hold sulfur on a plant through a rain event, but not the right choice to use with Elevate or Vanguard. For example, mite pressure is high this growing season; if tank mixing a systemic miticide such as Envior with sulfur, we recommend an adjuvant such as Vintre or Oroboost instead of Nu-Film P, so the systemic can penetrate and the sulfur can stay. Adjuvants like OVS Cremate really improve the performance of glyphosate or glufosinate, but would be a bad choice to spray with sulfur, triclopyr, or 2,4-d. If ever in doubt for compatibility issues please do a jar test beforehand.



OVS now carries a proprietary line of adjuvants; Cremate (like Hel-Fire or Flame), NIS 90 (like any non-ionic 90 such as Adspray 90, etc.), Penetrant (like LI-700), and Defoamer (like Foam Buster, as some adjuvants are more foamy than others). Also, soon we will also be carrying a new NutriAg buffering product that changes color when the correct pH is achieved in the tank mix. Be sure you're using the right adjuvant for the job. If in doubt, please ask your Agronomist or Ag Supplies Associate.

*Nate Chambers - OVS Ag Supplies*



## OVS Offers NEW Mechanic Scholarship Program!



We're launching a new Mechanic Scholarship Program to at least one qualified student interested in enrolling at Montana State University Northern's Diesel Technology program! **Could that student be you?**

What OVS offers:

- **Help pay a portion of your tuition for two years** while you attend MSUN's College of Technical Science, specializing in Diesel Technology to earn your Bachelor's Degree
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