

Field Day and Vineyard Tour: Managing Powdery Mildew at Rocky Fence Vineyard Saturday, September 20, 1-3 pm, Emmett, Idaho

Presented by: University of Idaho Extension, Rocky Fence Vineyard, University of Idaho Pomology Program

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AGENDA

- 1:00 PM Welcome, registration, introductions
- 1:30 PM Begin facilitated vineyard tour of the powdery mildew project
- 2:30 PM Question and answer with grower, Extension faculty and researchers, refreshments
- 3:00 PM Adjourn

Organic table grape production may be a good match for southwest Idaho's rapidly changing agricultural landscape. Population has increased over 30% since 2000 and farms are downsizing. Producers want successful alternative crops to diversify operations and generate income.

Michael Medes of Rocky Fence Vineyards, a producer of organic table grapes, will use this Professional + Producer Grant to seek solutions to powdery mildew, the most threatening disease to marketable fruit. With Ariel Agenbroad and Tony McCammon, and with the support of Dr. Esmaeil Fallahi and Dr. Krishna Mohan, they will test the effectiveness of preventive management practices, implement an expanded trellis system, scout and test for early detection and use climate-based disease forecasting and organically approved fungicide treatments. Project findings will be shared at two annual on-farm demonstration events, conferences and in future Extension publications. This field day is the first of these events.

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