



NATIONAL  
**VITICULTURE &  
ENOLOGY EXTENSION**  
LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY

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## NVEELC Virtual Meeting

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time | Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | Via Zoom

**Who we are:** NVEELC consists of individuals across the U.S. who participate in viticulture and enology extension and outreach, but are not involved in the sales of a product or service.

### Agenda

- 10 a.m. **Welcome**
- Donnell Brown, President - National Grape Research Alliance (NGRA)
  - Justin Scheiner, Texas A&M University, NVEELC Organizing Committee Chair
- 10:05 a.m. **Community Meet and Greet: Breakout Groups**
- Moderator: Renee Threlfall\*, University of Arkansas
- 10:10 a.m. **State and Regional Reports: Midwest and Northeast Regions**
- Moderator: Michael Cook\*, Texas AgriLife Extension
- List in formation*
- Iowa: Suzanne Slack, Iowa State University
  - Michigan: Esmaeil Nasrollahiazar, Michigan State University
  - New Jersey: Hemant Gohil, Rutgers University
  - Pennsylvania: Cain Hickey, Penn State University
- 11 a.m. **Guest Presentations: Recent Advances in Spotted Lanternfly Research & Extension**
- Moderator: Sarah Lowder\*, University of Georgia
  - **Economic Impact of SLF Infestations**, Allan Pinto, New York State Integrated Pest Management, Cornell University
  - **Using Citizen Science To Track Tree of Heaven**, Maria Zumkeller, LangeTwins Family Winery and Vineyards
  - **Is SLF a Viable Vector of Grapevine Diseases?** Michela Centinari, Penn State University
  - **How SLF Complicates Mechanical Harvest**, Jennifer Phillips Russo and Megan Luke, Lake Erie Regional Grape Program
- 11:25 a.m. **Other Business**
- Suggestions from meeting participants for topics for future guest presentations
  - Any other announcements
- 11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

\* NVEELC Organizing Committee Member

### Next NVEELC Meeting

January 14, 2026 | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
Southwest and Southeast Region Reports  
Special speaker(s) TBD

Find all NVEELC info here:

<https://graperesearch.org/extension-and-outreach/nveelc/>

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