

Contract 18-13-113
UNL Viticulture – Birdnetting

Grant Amount
\$3,150

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Issue of Interest

Deterioration of our bird netting supply has occurred. Funds are limited for the purchase of bird netting and fertilizers, thus proving the need for this project and its importance to the success of UNVP research plantings.

Approach to Problem

Funds for this project were used to purchase bird netting, fertilizer, and chemicals.

Goals/Achievement of Goals

The primary goal of this project was to obtain bird netting and install it in a timely manner. The netting will prevent bird depredation of the grapes. Five bags of bird netting were purchased and installed at our UNVP Peru, Nemaha, and Nebraska City research sites. Excellent bird control was achieved at each location.

Results, Conclusions, Lessons Learned

The bird netting was purchased, installed and prevented birds from damaging the grapes at UNVP research sites. The Norton/Cynthiana crop was especially late season in maturity, but the bird netting enabled a successful harvest of quality grapes.

Progress Achieved According to Outcome Measures

The long-term value of this funding will be shown as we continue to successfully harvest grapes from our UNVP research site. Special emphasis will be placed on protecting newer cultivars as they mature in subsequent years (e.g. Corot Noir, Noiret, Petite Pearl, Frontenac Blanc, Rkatstelli). This will lead to generation of information useful to Nebraska grape growers and winery personnel.

Financial Report

Bird Netting	\$	2759.50
Chemicals	\$	304.66
Overhead	\$	265.84
Total	\$	3150.00