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Technology Transfer and University Extension

USDA-ARS and the Land Grant universities follow different models for the dissemination and application of research results, but with the same goal: **transfer of knowledge and technology to the grower**. ARS scientists like Julie Tarara speak to growers regularly about advances in their work - field days, short courses, and grower meetings organized by University Extension, in service to industry. USDA-ARS pursues cooperative R&D agreements with the public and private sectors, and patents the technology developed by its scientists—for example, the 'Trellis Tension Monitor' pictured in this handout. University Extension specialists like Mercy Olmstead cooperate with ARS scientists—for example by building a web page on the TTM technology that growers can access through her Viticulture Extension website. The rapidly growing grape and wine industries of the northwest have recognized a critical need for expertise in "research-to-grower" information transfer, and have sought support for the region's Land Grant institutions to fill those needs.

New--2004 !

- **Jim Harbertson**, Enology Research & Extension, Washington
- **Mercy Olmstead**, Viticulture Extension Specialist for Washington and Director, V&E Extension Education 'Certificate' Programs (WSU)

New--2006 !

- **Patty Skinkis**, Viticulture Extension Specialist for Oregon
- **James Osborne**, Enology Extension Specialist for Oregon
- **Gwen Hoheisel**, Extension Educator, Benton & Franklin co. (WA)

Soon to Arrive--2007 !

- **Kerry Ringer**, Enology Extension Specialist for Washington

Extension programming:

- Web resources
- Short courses
- Grower breakfasts & discussion forums
- Annual forums--research updates
- Field days and hands-on demonstrations
- Extension bulletins
- Extension Education "Certificate" programs in enology and viticulture (WSU)

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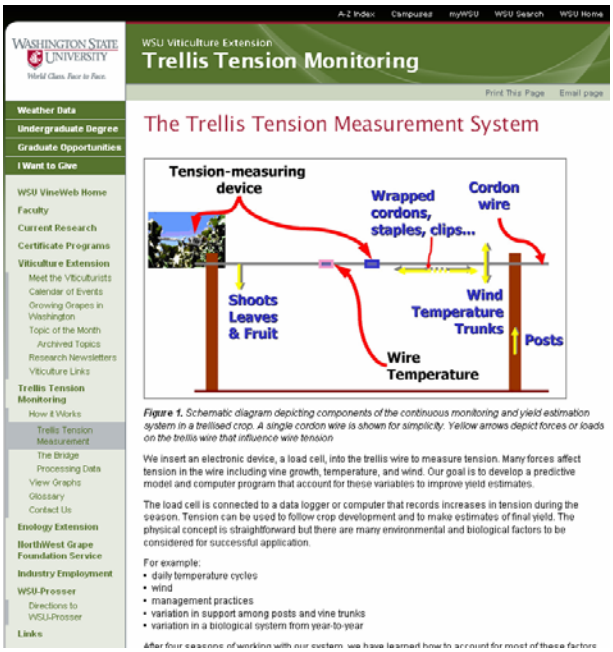

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