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Sustainable Vineyard Inspector RFP Q&A

TIMELINE

I wonder if the timeline is set in stone or if you have considered any other timeframes?

The March 15, 2022 – May 15, 2022, timeline for inspections was identified based on feedback from our Grower Sustainability Advisory Committee about when they would be most available to host an inspector for a 1 to 2-hour site visit. However, this timeline can be extended within reason if growers are available after May 15, 2022. Proposals should include a detailed timeline with justification for extensions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

What if someone wants to apply to be an inspector for a single region (e.g., the Upper Hudson)?

The RFP is open to individuals, agencies, and teams. Candidates are welcome to respond the RFP in part for a single AVA or in total for all AVAs if they are willing to travel. Candidates may also respond to the RFP as a team if they wish to work together to split the inspections geographically or otherwise.

VINEBALANCE

I was trying to re familiarize myself with the workbook but couldn't find the updated version. Is it available yet?

VineBalance 2022 – edited by Chris Serra and released in October 2021 – is available for download at the following link: <https://newyorkwines.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/VineBalance-2022-NYWGF-Sustainability-Program.pdf>

There will be a Version 2 of VineBalance 2022 released in mid-February. Revisions are based on feedback from growers across the state who helped “road test” the workbook in advance of the Pilot Program.

Below is a summary of the revisions in VineBalance 2022 Version 2:

Structural Revisions

- Each action item will have a “comments” section where growers can offer a description of their vineyard/management practice in justification of their score.

Content Revisions

- Questions will be rephrased to capture all scenarios, including those where an action item would not apply (e.g., 1.1.4 Irrigation – Irrigation is not used).
- Questions determined to be irrelevant or duplicative will be removed.
- Examples will be added to columns 3 and 4 where necessary.
- Additional definitions will be added to the appendix.

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- Additional reference links will be added.