X-disease and Little Cherry Disease Proficiency Testing

In order to help the industry manage X-disease and Little cherry disease WSU is providing support for commercial labs including updated protocols, positive controls, training where possible and proficiency testing.

Participating labs have:

- 1. Have a signed MOA with WSU agreeing to use WSU X-disease phytoplasma and Little cherry virus 2 testing protocols last updated June 2020.
- 2. Have been provided with positive controls from WSU.
- 3. Participate in proficiency testing conducted by WSU with cooperating labs in order to help labs maintain the highest quality outputs for growers. *WSU is not a certifying agency and can only provide testing as a service to the cherry industry.* Samples included in the panel include known negative and positive samples. Samples are pooled, homogenized and a subsample tested by WSU Prosser. Subsamples of pooled samples are provided to participating labs which contain tissue to be tested. Participating labs use standardized protocols provided at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/labs-lchv2-xdp/. To pass the panel, all negative samples must be correctly identified (*with a cut off of 38 Cq*), and 85% of results of positives must fall within a range of +6 cycles (Cq values).

Date passed proficiency tests

Labs	July 4, 2020		July 23, 2020		Feb 1-15 2021		April 8-21, 2021		June 7-21, 2021	
	LChV2	XDP	LChV2	XDP	LChV2	XDP	LChV2	XDP	LChV2	XDP
Oregon State University ^x			Aug 13	July 23	Mar 4	Mar 4	**	**	Jun 22	Jun 22
AGNEMA	July 21	July 21	July 27	Aug 8	Mar 4		April 22	April 22	Jun 22	
Eurofins Cascade Analytical	July 30		Aug 20	Aug 20	Mar 4	Mar 4	April 22	April 22	Jun 22	Jun 22
IEH Institute for Environmental Health	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	April 22	April 22	Jun 30	Jun 30
AL&L Crop Solutions, Inc. ^γ	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	Mar 27 [¥]	Mar 27 [¥]	April 22	April 22	Jun 22	Jun 22
Agdia	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	April 1 [¥]	April 1 [¥]	DNP	DNP	Jun 22	Jun 22
NuPhy	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	May 10 [¥]	May 10 [¥]	DNP	DNP

DNP= did not participate

^{*}Received samples at a later date than other labs.

^YMOA not yet in place.

^{**}Due to mailing carrier delay samples did not arrive in adequate condition for processing.