

## **News** from **Peerbolt Crop Management**

Seasonal updates sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have news to share during the off-season.

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**Help Wanted: I need two summer people for 30-40 hours a week @\$7.50 /hour plus mileage.** They need to have cars and be able to work independently.

**Chemicals:** A Section 18 has been granted for Brigade for red raspberries in Washington.

### **Research Update:**

**Attract & Kill in Leafrollers:** Although we didn't get the USDA grant to work on attract & Kill technology, the Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission has come through with some funds for someone to help us work toward getting a registration on the formulation. We'll be teaming with IPM Technologies (the company that makes the product) and WSU (Lynell Tanigoshi).

**Beneficial Insect Control of Leafrollers:** Terry Miller (WSU, Pullman Insectary manager) received a large grant from the Washington Pesticide Commission to continue working with *Oncophanes americanus* (a parasitoid wasp). We'll be working with Terry doing test field releases this year.

**Leafroller Survey:** The Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research funded us to continue our survey for a second year. We'll be checking on over 50 sites with five different types of caneberries—a big help in figuring out lifecycle, timing, etc.

**Cover crops in Raspberries:** The Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research has also funded us to work with Jack Pinkerton to see if we can control (or at least manage) nematodes with cover crops. We did the planting last fall and will continue for three years.

**Trellising:** Sites at Dobbins', George Hoffman's and the Research Station will continue evaluating the use of trellising in raspberries this year.

**Chemical Trials:** Caneburning options, weevil control, leafroller control, herbicide and mite control trials will be conducted by WSU either at farm sites or at the research station this year.

### **Crops:**

**Raspberries:** Apply delayed dormant lime sulfur application with oil when new growth is around one inch long. (Not likely this week)

**Blueberries:** Apply copper for bacterial canker control.

**All crops:** If you didn't use any fall pre-emergent for weeds, apply one whenever you get a weather break now.

### **Meetings:**

**3/9 Lingonberry Conference:** At the North Willamette Research Station. Call Ross Penhallegon 800-872-8980 (Just letting you know....).

**3/11 Oregon Blueberry Growers Association:** At the North Willamette Research Station. Call 503-663-6451.

**3/17 Grower's workshop** From 8:00-3:15. Student Services Bldg., Rm. 129, WSU Vancouver campus. Call Terry or Vicki 360-576-6030.

**Week's Weather Outlook:** Warming up some next week and some clearing. Highs in the mid fifties (maybe 60!). Total rain for February 4.51 (normal 3.85). Total for year 10.17 (normal 9.20).

**Notes:** Thanks to the Washington Red Raspberry Commission and the Washington Pesticide Commission, the WSU Research Station will finally have a Littau harvester this year!