

# Peerbolt Crop Management News & Opinions

Seasonal updates sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have news & opinions to share during the off-season. ~ *Tom & Anna Peerbolt*

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Strawberry harvest is wrapping up this weekend and the first blueberries are being picked but the big impact this week has been the record heat. Drought stress is showing up much earlier than usual.

## Insect monitoring update:

1) **Orange tortrix** larvae resistant to pyrethroid insecticides have been found in the Woodland area. We're now retreating the fields with alternatives, primarily Bt's.

2) **Oblique Banded Leafroller** adult trap counts still rising. Some late instar OBLR have been a minor crop contaminant problem in raspberries.

3) **Root Weevil** adults have started egg laying. These adults were collected from strawberry fields treated with Brigade just before harvest about a month ago so I'm assuming these emerged after the application. If you treated preharvest, I'd recommend retreating as soon as possible.

## Disease monitoring update:

**Phytophthora root rot**— The hot weather has really exacerbated floricane collapse due to root rot. Any plants that have weakened root systems are showing stress symptoms.

**Botrytis/rust**— Well, the good news is that due to the hot, dry weather there are no mold or rust problems.

## Field Days:

1) **OSU Blueberry/Caneberry**, July 6, North Willamette Research Station, Aurora.

**Blueberries** 1-3 PM—Pruning research, chemical updates, breeding program, nutrition, planting densities (and ice cream!)

**Caneberries** 3-5 PM—Blackberry and raspberry breeding programs, chemical updates, herbicide trials, Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus in Marions.

2) **WSU Raspberry**, July 13, Puyallup, 6-8 PM.

3) **WSU Raspberry/Blueberry**, Mt. Vernon, 4-6 PM.

**Weather:** Mild next week, with morning clouds and highs in the seventies. No foreseeable significant rain.

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