

Small Fruit Update

News & Opinions from Peerbolt Crop Management sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have something to share during the off-season. ~ *Tom & Anna Peerbolt*
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Plant growth seems to have just about come to a halt the last couple of weeks with the cool, wet weather. Looks like more of the same this week. Keep an eye on primocane growth—it's time for caneburning in most of the raspberry fields. Also stay on top of Mummyberry sprays in blueberries.

Crop Work:

Caneberries: Plan for primocane control---timing depends on material or method used and vigor of field.

Blueberries: 1) Scout for winter moth. 2) If field has had problems with Mummyberry, plan control strategy. 3) Bring in bees by 10% bloom.

Strawberries: Check weak areas for root weevil or Strawberry Crown Moth larvae.

All crops: Treat existing weeds.

Insect Monitoring News: 1) Adult root weevil were found in strawberries in Woodland. 2) Leafroller pheromone traps were put out last week in 10 Oregon caneberry fields in Aurora, Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Scholls for our annual survey. The rest will be distributed this week. This is the project funded by the Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research to gather information about leafroller populations throughout our area. It's being done in cooperation with Lynell Tanigoshi, WSU's small fruit entomologist.

Chemical Control: Switch (Cypronil and Fludioxonil) has been granted a section 18 emergency exemption for use in caneberries for control of gray mold.

Intern wanted—Reeve Holmstrom with Tomen-Agro (makers of Elevate fungicide) is looking for an intern to work with him from June-August this year calling on growers and dealers primarily in Washington. This is a paid position. Reeve's number is 916-425-9884

Weather for the week: Showers with Monday looking like the driest day. Lows in the high 30s. Highs in the low 50s.

Events

April 12 -- Growing Options for 2001 and Beyond. This one-day workshop will run from 8 am to 4 pm at Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, in Eugene. It will look at different crop alternatives. Topics include: alternative small fruit crops; medicinal herbs and specialty crops; organic cooperatives; farmers markets, Christmas trees, and seed crops. Cost is \$20.00 and you should register today (Monday) to meet their deadline. For more information call 541-682-4243. I'll be going to this workshop – if you want to drive down with me, give me a call.

April 23 -- Washington Blueberry Commission meeting at the Puyallup Conference Center, WSU Research and Extension Center, 7612 East Pioneer Way, Puyallup, For more information contact Dorothy Anderson 360-766-6150

April 26 -- Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting, North Willamette Research & Extension Center, Aurora, OR The meeting starts at 4 pm. For more information, call Janni (541-758-4043 or email [Berry Works](mailto:BerryWorks)).

April 28-29 -- Oregon Ag Fest In Salem at the State Fair Grounds.

May 1 -- Willamette Valley Ag Professionals Association ~ McNary Restaurant, Keizer, OR. Regular luncheon meeting, guests encouraged to attend. Noon to around 1:30 pm; lunch \$7.50. For more information, contact Dan McGrath 503-931-8307.

For a list of upcoming meetings of interest to growers, check out the calendar on our website

<http://www.peerbolt.com/news/newshome.htm>