

## ***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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### **October 1, 2001**

Time to move along on fall fieldwork. We never know when the winter rains will put an end to being able to get into the fields. Last week's rains left all fields with very good moisture in the ground. We should see some good growth on the dry land fields this month.

**Lime/dolomite applications:** Now is the time to determine if lime or dolomite are needed to raise pH levels. They should be applied before the serious rains start so they can be well watered in before next season. Its also a good time to apply phosphorus, potassium and or magnesium fertilizers.

### **Chemical Control Update:**

1) Tomen Agro has submitted a registration package to the EPA to get **Elevate** labeled on caneberries and bush berries to control botrytis. Let's hope they're successful.

2) The fungicide **Switch** (Cypronil & Fludioxonil) has been given a full label for use on strawberries for mold control.

**Goin' on Vacation:** Anna and I will be gone from October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Some friends are lending us the use of their house in Manzanita. I wonder if the cell phone will work from there...

### **Insect Monitoring**

**Raspberry Crown Borers:** Now is the time to monitor for RCB using pheromone traps. They'll be in their moth stage over the next couple of months. Treatment, if needed, is an insecticide drench in the spring, but now is the time to find out if you will be needing that.

### **Disease Monitoring:**

#### **Root Rot Control:**

1) It's time to apply **Aliette** (or equivalent...) to strawberries and/or caneberries for root rot control.

2) **Subsoiling** and **hilling** are also recommended for increasing the drainage and preventing root rot in caneberries.

3) Some growers are also applying **gypsum**. Trials are ongoing to determine the role of increased calcium levels to both increase drainage and inhibit the growth for *phytophthora* spores.

4) **Ridomil** can also be applied in caneberries. I'd wait a little while yet.

**Weather for the week:** Dry. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the upper 40s.

### **Upcoming Events**

**10/4 Oregon Strawberry Commission** is meeting at the North Willamette Research Station in Aurora. It will start at 5:00. Call Ron Fujii (541-758-4043) for information.

**10/4 Biological Control for Mites & Insects Workshop.** At the North Willamette Station in Aurora. From 9-3:30. Call Heidi Williams at 503-678-1264 x10 or email [Heidi.Williams@orst.edu](mailto:Heidi.Williams@orst.edu) for registration/information.

**10/11 Oregon Blueberry Commission Meeting** will be held in Doaks Ferry Meeting Room at West Salem Roth's IGA. Call 503-370-3790 for information

**10/11 Field Rodent Management Workshop.** At the North Willamette Station in Aurora. From 9-12:00. Call Heidi Williams at 503-678-1264 x10 or email [Heidi.Williams@orst.edu](mailto:Heidi.Williams@orst.edu) for registration/information.

**11/12 Organic Food Production Workshop:** At the LaSells Stewart Center on OSU campus. Registration is required. For information, call Debby Yacas at 541-737-6483 or 1-800-823-2357.