



February 4, 2002

The meeting for raspberry growers to discuss the **Chilean anti-dumping suit** on January 31 had to be postponed. The guys coming down from northern Washington had their plane grounded due to bad weather. We'll keep you posted on the when and where of the rescheduling.

An extension has been issued for the use of **Spartan (sulfentrazone)** in strawberries. The Section 18 label expired on January 31. The extension allows use until the end of February.

The **Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings** in Abbotsford, B.C happen this week. Go to <http://www.peerbolt.com/news/2002/Abbotsford.htm> to see the agenda.

By February 15 the states of Washington and Oregon should have a '**control zone**' in place to help restrict the **movement of blueberry plants** into the states. This is targeted at helping to prevent the New Jersey strain of **Scorch virus** presently found in British Columbia from moving into our fields.

Chemical Control Update:

Joe DeFrancesco passed on a lot of information concerning label changes for the upcoming season at the just concluded Oregon Hort Society meetings. Here are a few of the highlights:

Quadris (azoxystrobin) has been approved for use in strawberries. It's a broad-spectrum fungicide that has efficacy on a wide variety of diseases including anthracnose fruit rot, powdery mildew and soil-borne *Rhizoctonia*.

Abound (azoxystrobin) has a registration for caneberries pending at EPA, Diseases that it's being labeled for include *Septoria*, powdery mildew, downey mildew and cane blight.

Success (spinosad) is now labeled for strawberries. It is a low risk insecticide that can be used against a wide range of insects.

Guthion (azinphos-methyl) has recently been reviewed at EPA. Strawberries and many other crops are being dropped from the label.

Switch (cyprodinil and fludioxonil) now has a full label for strawberries.

For Joe's complete list of pesticides labeled for use in small fruits, go to

<http://www.peerbolt.com/pestupdate.htm>

Cropwork:

Blueberries: 1) Finish pruning 2) Dormant oil can be applied for control of scale and winter moth eggs.

Strawberries: Spartan can be applied for pre emergent control of most broadleaf weeds.

Caneberries: **Casoron** (Dichlobenil) can be applied for quackgrass while the plants are dormant.

Calendar:

Feb 6 Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting ~ Lynden, WA Regular commission meeting. For more information, call the commission's executive director, Henry Bierlink, at 360-354-8767.

Feb 7-9 Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings ~Abbotsford, B.C. This always seems to be a good show. Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Northern Washington and Canada. Go to <http://www.peerbolt.com/news/2002/Abbotsford.htm> to see the agenda.

February 22: Introduction to Farm Direct Marketing A workshop aimed at interested individuals with little to no background in farm direct marketing. It will be held at the OSU campus, LaSells Stewart Center from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information, email him at Garry.Stephenson@orst.edu or call him 541-766-3551

February 22 PNW Christmas Tree Association Growers Short Course~Janzen Beach Double Tree, Portland. A full day of information on Christmas tree growing. Call the Association at 503-283-4466 for information

Week's Weather: Wet with possible heavy rain late in the week. Possibility of more cold weather mid-month.

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