



Disseminating information for the [Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#).

October 14, 2002

There are two meetings for raspberry growers coming up at the end of this month. The first is at 7:00 pm on the 29th at the Fire District #3 Conference Center, 307 19th Street, Lynden. It has been organized by the Whatcom County Agriculture Preservation Committee to **talk about current market conditions**. Call 360-354-1337 for further information.

The second meeting is the regularly scheduled Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting. One of the agenda items will be the funding of the **WSU small fruit breeding program**. With limited funds available for research this year some difficult choices face the commission. If you've got any input on this important funding question, please attend the meeting. It will be at the Fire District #3 Conference Center from 10 AM to around 2 PM. Call Henry Bierlink at 360-354-8767 for information.

Winter Moths begin flying soon. They are primarily a pest of blueberries. The larvae feed on emerging flower clusters in the spring causing loss of yield. Pheromone lures are available from a source in Hungary. I'm going to be ordering some, so if you need any let me know and I can either add yours to my order or give you the ordering information. The traps and lures should go out in November and be replaced once a month for about three months. Cost will be around \$5 each (depends on the shipping cost).

Whatcom county growers now have two **real time weather data stations** up and running. [Click here](#) for Craig McConnell's information on the stations or call Craig at (360) 678-6736.

If you need to use **Nemacur** for nematode control, remember that it has a December 31st deadline in raspberries. Pre harvest intervals of six months in raspberries and 110 days in strawberries are also applicable.

Insects:

- 1. Rough Strawberry Root Weevil** adults are still being found in North and South strawberry fields. Check in the detritus around the crowns and look for leaf notching.
- 2) Raspberry Crown Borer:** Scout for Raspberry Crown Borer by looking for weak stands with wilting canes. To see them [click here](#).
- 3) Prematurely reddening strawberry plants** should be checked for **Strawberry Crown Moth** in the South. The crown will often break off when pulled revealing rust colored frass and tunneling. Remove infected plants from the field.

Cropwork:

All: **1) Cover crops** need to get in as soon as possible on open areas. **2)** You can still take soil and/or nematode tests. **3)** Can apply lime, dolomite and/or sulfur to adjust pH. **4)** Check for rodent activity and bait as needed.

Blueberries: **1)** Copper or Bordeaux mix can be applied once this month and once next month for control of bacterial canker. **2)** Can do pruning.

Strawberries: **1)** Scout for weevils and Strawberry Crown Moth. **2)** Subsoil to improve winter drainage **3)** Can apply Ridomil for root rot control. Apply just prior to rain. **4)** Apply pre emergent herbicide.

Caneberries: **1)** Do canework before winter rains start. **2)** Can subsoil to improve winter drainage. **3)** Can apply Ridomil for root rot control. Apply just prior to rain. **4)** Scout for Raspberry Crown Borer. Click here for decision-making guide: http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/comhort/nooksack/ipmweb/post_harvest_pest_matrix.htm#rcborer

Weather for the week:

(South). Clear and dry. Highs around 70. Lows in the upper 30s.

(North). Clear and dry. Highs around 70. Lows around 40.

Calendar:

October 29 Raspberry grower meeting in Lynden. See above.

October 30 WRRRC meeting in Lynden. See above.

November 9 The WSDA Pesticide Management Division is having a Train the Trainer Workshop for fieldworkers and pesticide handlers. Spend a day with hands on education for your lead individuals responsible for your farm's pesticide program. To be held at Skagit Valley College. Maximum number that can attend is 30. 4 pesticide credits. Contact Flor Tovar at (509) 662-0590 for more information. Free.

December 3 Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Annual Conference at the Doubletree Hotel Lloyds Center, Portland. Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for information.

December 10 Northwest Washington Small Fruits Workshop (20th Annual no less!) 7:30am at the Homestead Resort, Lynden WA Stay tuned for agenda and info

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