



Disseminating information for the [Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#).
August 26, 2002

A **Washington Red Raspberry Commission research meeting** is scheduled for Monday, September 9, two weeks from today. All interested parties are invited. It will be at the Whatcom County Fire District 3 Training Center from 1-4 PM. Priorities as they now stand are: Bushy Dwarf Virus, harvest contaminants, root rot control and fruit rot control. Along with these is the need for some ongoing projects such as the breeding program, weed control and alternative production methods. I suspect our discussion will center not so much on what needs to be done but who can do it, how we can pay for it and on what role the commission will play in seeking out and coordinating alternative funding sources to get done what we need to keep (or get) our industry healthy. Please let us know ([email](#) or phone 503-289-7287) if you're planning to attend.

A regular **Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting** is scheduled for the following day (September 10th) at the same location. Contact Henry Bierlink (360-354-8767) or [email](#) him for more information.

The Washington Red Raspberry Commission was one of the sponsors of the **2002 Minor Crops Tour** this past week. Over 40 people from the USDA, EPA, State Ag Departments and congressional offices met with many of our small fruit researchers and growers at the WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Station Wednesday night to learn more about our raspberry industry. One of the major points we made to them was the need for at least two low risk/low residue fungicides for fruit rot control this coming year. As it now stands, we have a full label for **Elevate (fenhexamid)** and therefore would not qualify for a Section 18 label for **Switch (fludioxonil & Cypronil)**. If we had both products we'd be better able to manage fungicide resistance by alternating active ingredients.

Site Still Needed for Root Rot Control Trial: Drs. Pete Bristow (WSU) and Jack Pinkerton (USDA) are still (yes, still...) looking for the right site in Whatcom County to do a solarization trial for root rot control in raspberries. If you have root rot issues in a field that will be replanted, email [Pete](#) or [Todd Murray](#).

Insects:

- 1) **Mites** continue to be the primary potential pest in raspberries. [Click here](#) to see twospotted and yellow mites.
- 2) **Raspberry Crown Borer:** Scout for Raspberry Crown Borer by looking for weak stands with wilting canes. To see them [click here](#).
- 3) Scout for **cyclamen mites** in strawberries.
- 4) Scout for **Redberry mites** in late ripening blackberries.

Cropwork:

Blueberries: Harvest ongoing

Strawberries: Harvest finished 1) Scout for weevils and mites 2) Renovate two to four weeks after harvest. 3) Fertilize. 4) Can take soil fertility test after harvest.

Caneberries: Late ripening blackberries still being harvested. 1) Can take soil fertility test after harvest. 2) Scout for mites. 3) Scout for crown borer damage.

Weather:

(South) Dry. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the mid 50s.

(North) Dry. Highs in the 80s mid week otherwise in the mid 70s. Lows in the low 50s.

Calendar:

September 9 WRRC Research Meeting in Lynden from 1 to 4 pm —see above

September 10 Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting in Lynden—see above

September 19 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Meeting at the Food Innovation Center in Portland, 6 pm. For more information call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) them.

September 25 Oregon Strawberry Commission Meeting at The North Willamette Research and Extension Center ([NWREC](#)), Aurora, Oregon at 4:30 pm. For more information call 541-758-4043 or [email](#).

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