



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

January 27, 2003

Well, we're into the middle of the meeting season. This week is the **Northwest Agricultural Show** in Portland along with its accompanying small fruit seminars. Then there's the **Lower Mainland Horticultural Short Course** (and Equipment Show) in Abbotsford, B.C. on February 20-22nd. You can use the links listed below to check out their agendas.

The Washington Red Raspberry Commission will also be having a regular meeting on February 12th from 6-9 pm in the Fire District #3 Conference Room, 307 19th Street, Lynden Call 360-354-8767 for information.

Our mild winter has also allowed for more insect activity in the fields than usual. Many **blueberry growers** are reporting bud damage. What is causing the damage seems to vary but includes both **orange tortrix and obliquebanded leafrollers** as well as some **winter moth** larvae. Look for webbing and tied up buds. It's a good time to get out and take a look around.

Cropwork:

All Caneberries: 1) Finish canework. 2) Can apply Casoron (Dichlobenil) for weed control. Especially good on quackgrass.

Evergreen Blackberries: Dormant spray of lime/sulfur or elemental sulfur in mid-February for Redberry mites.

Blueberries: 1) Pruning. 2) Scout for bud damage & determine cause. 3) Dormant oil can be applied for scale and winter moth egg control.

Strawberries: Can use Spartan (Sulfentrazone) for pre-emergent weed control until February 28th. It's off label after that date.

Weather for the week:

(South): Wet and wetter. Lows in the mid to upper 30's. Highs in the 40's.

(North): The same...

Calendar:

January 29-30 Oregon Horticultural Society Berry Seminars: 1/29, 9-3 pm, Strawberry, Raspberry and Blackberry seminars. 1/30, 8-1pm, Blueberry seminars, Double Tree Hotel at Columbia River, Portland. Click [here](#) for an agenda of the strawberry and caneberry talks. Click [here](#) for an agenda of the blueberry talks.

January 29 Oregon Strawberry Commission and Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Annual Growers Meeting at the Oregon Horticultural Society Meeting, Noon, Call 541-758-4043 or [e-mail](#) for information.

January 29 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Meeting at the Oregon Horticultural Society Meeting, 3:30 pm Call 541-758-4043 for information.

February 12 Washington Red Raspberry Commission, 6-9 pm, Fire District #3 Conference Room, 307 19th Street, Lynden Call 360-354-8767 for information.

February 13 Oregon Strawberry Commission Meeting, location to be announced, Call 541-758-4043 or [e-mail](#) for information.

February 20-22 Lower Mainland Horticultural Meetings in Abbotsford, B.C. Canada. Click [here](#) to register. For the program click [here](#).

March 19 WSU Extension Workshop for Berry Growers, Vancouver campus of WSU, Call 360-576-6030 for information.

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