

Small Fruit Update



Disseminating information for: [Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#), [Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission](#), [Oregon Strawberry Commission](#), [Washington Blueberry Commission](#), [Washington Strawberry Commission](#).

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Time to get the irrigation and equipment winterized. The first frosts could be coming any day now.

WSU Small Fruit Horticulturalist: The University is advertising for a small fruit horticulturalist to be located at the Mt. Vernon Research and Extension Station. They hope to have someone on board by July 1st. Sure is nice to talk about adding a researcher for a change. [Click here](#) for the details.

New Blackberry variety names: Here are the names for the recently released blackberries with their previous ID numbers in parentheses: **Black Diamond** (NZ 9128R-1), **Nightfall** (ORUS 1486-2), **Black Pearl** (ORUS 1380-1), and **Obsidian** (ORUS 1369-3). **Black Diamond** is at the top of the list in northwest blackberry plant sales for 2004. [Click here](#) for comments made by Dr. Chad Finn at one of last year's conferences regarding blackberry research.

Washington Raspberry Crop: The Washington State crop was around 53.3 million pounds. Down about 13% from last year.

Oregon Strawberry Crop: The Oregon Strawberry Commission reports that this year's crop was around 25.5 million pounds.

Washington Strawberry Crop: So far the Washington total is around 14.3 million pounds with a few smaller grower/processors still to report. Last year's total was about 15.3 million pounds.

Pesticide License recertification credits: The Oregon Department of Ag's recent newsletter can be accessed at <http://oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/docs/pdf/fall04.pdf>. Among other things, it has a list of upcoming recertification classes as well as an article on the new Atrazine restrictions. Washington State recertification courses can be found at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/ListApprovedRecertClasses.htm>

Chemical Control Update:

Correction—Last update I mentioned that **Captevate 68WGD (captan & fenhexamid)**, the fungicide from Arvesta, has all of the berry crops on its label. It doesn't. Blackberries have not yet been added.

Cropwork options

Caneberries: 1) Plant cover crop. 2) Cane out. 3) Take soil tests for nematodes and nutrition. 4) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 5) Fumigate for new plantings in spring. 6) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 7) Scout for voles and mice. 8) Subsoil and/or hill. 9) Just prior to a heavy rain, apply Ridomil. 8) Can apply pre emergent herbicide.

Blueberries: 1) Take soil tests for pH and nutrition. 2) Apply lime, dolomite, sulfur, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 3) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 4) Apply copper for bacterial canker control. 5) Fumigate for new plantings in spring. 6) Pruning. 7) Can apply pre emergent herbicide.

Strawberries: 1) Take soil tests for pH and nutrition. 2) Apply lime, dolomite, sulfur, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 3) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 4) Apply Aliette or alternative phosphite material for root rot control. 5) Fumigate for new plantings in spring. 6) Weed control—pre emergents. 7) Scout weak areas for root feeding insect larvae (weevils, crown borers, wireworms).

Calendar

November 2— Washington Red Raspberry Commission Research committee ~ 7 PM. At Fire District #3 conference room, 307 19th Street, Lynden, WA. Call Henry Bierlink at 360-354-8767 or [email](#) him.

November 3— Washington Red Raspberry Commission ~10AM. At Fire District #3 conference room, 307 19th Street, Lynden, WA. For information call Henry Bierlink at 360-354-8767 or email at [or email](#) him.

November 12—Making Bugs Work for You: Biocontrol in Organic Agriculture ~ WSU/OSU research symposium, Columbia River Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. For information and registration [click here](#).

November 12-14— Tilth's Annual Northwest Regional Conference ~ Columbia River Doubletree Hotel, Portland, OR. For information and registration, [click here](#).

December 2—The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Annual Meeting ~ Boise, Idaho. For conference details, [click here](#). Then click on the newsletter.

December 6— Good Agricultural Practices for Fruit and Vegetable Production Workshop ~ 238 Wiegand Hall, OSU Campus, Corvallis, OR. For a PDF brochure that includes information and registration, [click here](#).

December 6—Washington Strawberry Commission Research Meeting ~ 4 PM, Homestead Farms Golf Resort, Lynden, WA. This meeting follows presentations by the researchers. Call Norval Johanson, commission exec at (360) 491-6567 for details.

December 6—Washington Red Raspberry Commission Annual Meeting ~ 5 PM, Homestead Farms Golf Resort, Lynden, WA. For details call the Commission at 360-354-8767.

December 7—Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop ~ Homestead Farms Golf Resort, Lynden, WA. Registration starts at 7 AM. The workshop runs to mid afternoon. Call the WSU Whatcom county extension office for details @ (360) 678-6736.

December 8—Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting ~ Noon, for details call the Commission at 360-354-8767.

December 9—Oregon Strawberry Commission ~ Noon. Mt Angel Brewery, Mt. Angel, OR. Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for information.

January 3,4—PNW Insect Management Conference ~ Hilton Hotel, Portland. [email](#) David Bragg,

January 10—Washington Blueberry Commission ~ 10 AM, Chicon Room, WSU Research and Extension Center, Puyallup, WA. Call Dorothy at (360) 766-6150.

January 11,12—Small Fruit Pest Conference, Timberline Lodge, OR, ~ Contact Kim Hummer by [email](#) or call 541-738-4201

January 11-13— Western Washington Horticultural Association conference ~ Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA, [Click here](#) for info.

January 13—Washington Strawberry Commission Annual Meeting ~ 7 AM, Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA, Call Norval Johanson, (360) 491-6567 for details.

January 13—North Willamette Horticultural meetings (berry day) ~ Airport Ramada Inn, Portland, OR.

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