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[Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

**NWIPM Web Site Update: (Revised 1/30/07) [Pesticide Guide for Oregon and Washington Small Fruits](#).** A listing of pesticides labeled for use in blueberries, caneberries and strawberries in Oregon and Washington compiled by Joe DeFrancesco at Oregon State, including FRAC code numbers for fungicides to reduce likelihood of resistance. We have also added a link from the guide to Joe's [Update on Products and Registration](#) given this month at the North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting Thanks, Joe.

**The Washington Blueberry Commission is soliciting proposals for a Business Manager:** The selected contractor will handle all the administrative functions of the commission. For further information, go to the commission web site at <http://www.wablueberrycomm.org/>.

**Oregon State Blueberry Growers' Course:** March 19-20 in Corvallis. [Click here](#) for complete information and online registration. Great agenda with the first day geared toward newer growers. The deadline for early registration is March 1.

**Web link of the Week:** From the USDA's Economic Research Service--**U.S. strawberry production** broken down by state from 1990-2005. Includes prices, acreage and yields. [Click here](#). Just to keep the rest of us in our place (or our market niche), in 2005 California reported an average yield of 30 tons per acre on 34,300 acre for a total production of over 2 billion pounds.

**Detritus removal in Blackberries: From one of our contributors:** "Now would be a good time to do brushing on blackberries, not much (if any) growth yet. The ground is dry enough but, if possible wait for low humidity. It works a lot better when it is drier. Should be no problems brushing into the middle of February... Some growers just move in the beaters on their harvester, remove the catch plates, and don't bother with the brushes. It does a pretty good job, especially if you do it twice. The second pass will knock off material that has been loosened."

**Phytophthora Testing available free of charge for Washington Red Raspberry Growers:** If you are interested in having either pre-plant propagules or field samples tested for Phytophthora root rot, contact [Colleen Burrows](#) or Craig MacConnell at WSU Whatcom County Extension (360) 676-6736 or, in Clark or Cowlitz counties, [Tom Peerbolt](#) at 503-970-0922. Free, with on farm sampling and pick up all done for you. Results will be posted anonymously (by grower generated codes) on the WSU Whatcom County website. This is a research project funded by the Washington State Commission for Pesticide Registrations and the Washington Red Raspberry Commission to test the effectiveness of newly implemented PCR testing techniques.

**Chemical Control Update:**

**Fungicide, blueberries:** A supplemental label has been issued for the use of **Indar** for mummyberry control in blueberries. [Click here](#) for a copy of the label. This is great news—no more need for our annual application for an emergency Section 18 label.

**Disease Information**

**Pseudomonas (Bacterial Blight) blueberries:** Water-soaked lesions are appearing on canes in some fields that then develop into a **reddish brown to black cankers**. Cankers may extend from a fraction of an inch to the entire length of 1-year-old wood. Buds in cankers die. If girdled, the cane portion above the canker dies.

**Some Upcoming Small Fruit Events** ([Click here](#) for a more complete calendar)

**Kwantlen College Biocontrol Workshop/ Seminar**

**February 1-2—Parasitoids and their use in Biocontrol** ~ Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Langley, B.C.  
Biocontrol Seminar and Workshop Info line 604-599-3333 or email [Biocontrol@kwantlen.com](mailto:Biocontrol@kwantlen.com).

**Oregon Strawberry Commission**

**February 6— Meeting and budget meeting** ~ 9:30 AM, Roth's West, 1130 Wallace Road NW, Salem. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

**North American Strawberry Growers Association**

**February 9-12—6th North American Strawberry Symposium (NASS), Ventura Beach, California.** The conference is being held jointly with the 28th Annual Meeting of the **North American Strawberry Growers Association** (NASGA). More than 150 scientists and students are expected to attend the 2007 conference from North America and around the world. [Click here](#) for information (15 page PDF brochure).

**Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission**

**February 14— Meeting and budget meeting** ~ 11:30, Denny's restaurant, 30175 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

**Lower Mainland Horticultural Society Annual Horticulture Growers Short Course**

**February 15-17—TRADEX, Abbotsford, BC,** [Click here](#) for the program. Contact Sandy Gordon, [sandyg@uniserve.com](mailto:sandyg@uniserve.com) or Mark Sweeney, [Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca) for more information

**Oregon Strawberry Commission**

**February 21—Research reports/ annual member meeting** ~ North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office

**Whatcom Farmers Coop**

**February 22—Educational meeting for berry and seed potato growers** ~ 8-12, Homestead Farms Resort, Lynden, WA, 4 recertification credits offered, RSVP 354-2418.

**Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop**

**February 28—9-3:30,** North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. [Click here for the agenda.](#) (RSVP by February 21 by [email](#) or call Peerbolt Crop Management at 503-289-7287)

**North American Blueberry Council/ US Highbush Blueberry Council**

**February 28-March 3 Spring meetings** ~ Orlando, FL. [Click here](#) for meeting and registration information