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[Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the Week](#): Sprouting mummyberries. New infections can occur when these mummies are sprouting, blueberries are at or beyond green tip stage and environmental conditions are right.

[NWIPM Web Site Update](#): (**Revised 2/26/07**): **Degree day information** (updated daily) and **weather station links** for ten regional sites from Abbotsford down to Corvallis are available by going to the home page and clicking on the degree day link under the photo.

Oregon State Blueberry Growers' Course: If you're planning to attend, you can save \$75 by registering before March 1st. [Click here](#) for complete information and online registration or 1-800-678-6311. The workshop takes place March 19-20 in Corvallis.

Web link of the Week: [Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance](#). This is the place to go for 2007 Farm Bill news and updates.

Research Update: Pseudomonas Control in Blueberries. There has been some very good work done in British Columbia looking at various control materials for Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas syringae*). For a report on work done in 2004, [click here](#) (20pg), for work done in 2006, [click here](#) (11 pg). For a power point presentation on *Pseudomonas* symptoms and control trials, [click here](#). **Disclaimer**: Not all research trial materials are registered for field use, check with your extension agent, supplier or consultant for details.

New Pest Information

Insects

Azalea Bark Scale, blueberries: Azalea bark scale infections have been reported from a grower's field in the central Willamette Valley. Samples have been sent to Oregon State University for confirming the species identification.

Diseases

Mummyberry, blueberries: Sporulating mummyberries have been reported in British Columbia.

Ongoing Pest Information

Insects

Leafroller larvae: blueberries, I've been finding some overwintering leafroller larvae feeding on buds in blueberries. Scout for buds held tightly together with webbing.

2) **Lecanium Scale**: blueberries, A dormant oil or **Esteem** ([Pyriproxyfen](#)) can be used while blueberries are dormant.

Diseases

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.

Cropwork:

All Crops: 1) Can still apply lime/dolomite to raise soil pH. 2) Can apply pre-emergent herbicides.

All Caneberries: 1) Put out [mouse/vole](#) bait as needed. 2) Finish canework. 3) Weed control. 3) Scout for bud damage/feeding and determine cause. 4) Can apply lime sulfur for disease control.

Blueberries: 1) *Pseudomonas* prevention applications. 2) Put out [mouse/vole](#) bait as needed. 3) Finish pruning. 4) Dormant oil or Esteem can be applied for scale and winter moth egg control. 5) Scout for bud damage and determine cause. 6) Scout for sprouting mummyberries and be ready to apply control material as weather conditions warm.

Strawberries: 1) Weed control. 2) As plants start growing, check weak areas for root weevil larvae, strawberry crown borers or root disease problems.

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

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—Orlando, FL. [Click here](#) for meeting and registration information.

ISH Biocontrol Seminar & Workshop

March 1-2 —Institute for Sustainable Horticulture, Kwantlen University College, Langley Campus, B.C.
Nematodes and Their Use in Biocontrol - Workshop 3/1, Seminar 3/2. This is session two of a four-part biocontrol series. For more information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting

March 14 —2 PM, WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Unit, 1919 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA. Call 360-354-8767 for more information.

Oregon Blueberry Commission

March 19 —10 am. LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. For more information call the commission office at 503-364-2944.

Oregon State Blueberry Growers' Course

March 19-20—Corvallis, OR. [Click here](#) for complete information and online registration. The deadline for early registration is March 1