

Small Fruit Update



News and opinions from [Peerbolt Crop Management](#) and [BerriesNW](#) sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have something to share in the off season.

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Industry News/Resources

Grant Opportunities

- **Specialty Crop Research Initiative proposals for 2011:** [Click here](#). 11/30/10 deadline for letters of intent. 1/31/11 grant deadline.
- **Washington Red Raspberry Commission:** [Click here](#). 11/30/10 deadline.
- **Oregon Strawberry Commission:** [Click here](#). 1/5/11 deadline.
- **North American Raspberry & Blackberry Association:** [Click here](#). 12/10/10 deadline.

2010 Crop totals

(In pounds, based on commission assessments--data from the commissions doesn't fully account for local fresh markets because many don't report their sales.)

Oregon Strawberries

2010: 20,533,070 **2009:** 17,359,400 **2008:** 22,080,566

Washington Red Raspberries:

2010: 59,576,962 **2009:** 64,285,834 **2008:** 53,602,324

Newsletters

- [Michigan State Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) for 11/3
- ['The Source' for 11/2](#) Market updates from *The Produce News*

West Coast

- [Blackberry research gets a big boost at Oregon State University](#) (10/28, gazettetimes.com)

National

- [Election changes face of Ag leadership in D.C.](#) (11/3, The Packer)
- [Black raspberries may prevent colon cancer, study finds](#) (11/2, Science Daily)

Disseminating information for:

Washington

[Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#)
[Washington Blueberry Commission](#)
[Washington Strawberry Commission](#)

Oregon

[Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Blueberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Strawberry Commission](#)

British Columbia

[Fraser Valley Strawberry Growers Association](#)
[Raspberry Industry Development Council](#)
[B.C. Blueberry Council](#)

- (Video) [New raspberry & strawberry varieties from Well-Pict](#) (The Packer)
- (Florida) [New 'blanket' \(for frost protection\) doesn't enthuse \(strawberry\) growers](#) (10/31, The Tampa Tribune)
- (Michigan) [Blueberry farmers react to lawsuit decision](#) (11/1, Holland Evening Sentinel)

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Meeting Information

For more comprehensive meeting schedule, [click here](#).

- **November 4-6 — Mexico: National Berry Conference** ~ Zamora, Michoacán, Mexico. [Click here](#) (Spanish) [Click here](#) for the English translation.
- **November 9 — Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm, Santiam Room, West Salem Roth's IGA, Salem, OR. Contact [Bryan Ostlund](#) for more information, or call 503-364-2944.
- **November 29 — December 1— International Raspberry Organization Conference** ~ Talca, Chile. [Click here](#).
- **December 1-3 — Northwest Small Fruits Center annual conference** ~ Owyhee Plaza Hotel, Boise, ID. Main conference day, December 2; committee meetings, December 3. Click [here](#) for newsletter and conference registration information. [Email](#) Philip Gütt for more information, or call 541-758-4043.
- **December 7 — WSU Small Fruit Workshop** ~ Lynden, WA. For more information contact Colleen Burrows, Whatcom County WSU IPM Coordinator--[email](#) or 360-676-6736.
- **December 8 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission annual meeting** ~ Lynden, WA. [Email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information, or call 360-354-8767.
- **December 9 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm. Langdon Farms, Aurora, OR. Contact [Philip Gutt](#), or call 541-758-4043 for more information.
- **December 9 — Washington Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ TBA. Mt. Vernon, WA. Contact [Alan Schreiber](#) 509-266-4300 for more information.
- **December 16 — Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm, Roth's IGA, Salem, OR. Contact [Philip Gutt](#), or call 541-758-4043 for more information.
- **December 17 — Washington Strawberry Commission research meeting** ~ 9 pm - 2 pm, Puyallup, WA, WSU Research and Extension Center. Contact [Walter Swenson](#) or call (360) 352-1236 for more information.
- **January 5-7 — North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conference** ~ Savannah, Georgia. [Click here](#).

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Pest Management Information

Management Materials

- [Pesticide Politics](#) (10,20 New York Times)
- [New EPA Soil Fumigation Regulations Brochure](#) from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Insects/Mites

- [Spotted Wing Drosophila](#)
 - [Early detection program finds new invasive pest in Michigan](#) (11/2, Growing Produce)
 - Now identified in **Michigan**. For the MSU SWD website, [click here](#).
 - **Australia** has issued a draft risk assessment & mitigation measures for fruit being imported from regions where SWD is found. [Click here](#).
- **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug:**
 - [Setting sights on Stink Bug](#) (10/28, Growing Produce)
 - [BMSB a dangerous pest](#) (11/2, Fruit Grower News)

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Crop work

The winter rains are here in full force and most field work has come to a halt. However, if conditions allow, the following activities can happen.

All crops

- Can take soil tests for fertility and/or nematodes.
- Maintain weed control.
- Scout for voles and treat as needed.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.

Caneberries

- Can cut out old floricanes now and tie up primocanes.
- Scout and mark problem weed areas that can be treated in the winter.
- Can subsoil and till in raspberries after harvest. The soil fractures much better when it is dry so it's best to do this now before the fall rains start.
- Can apply Ridomil for root rot control.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes.

Blueberries

- Can apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux for bacterial canker.
- Prune out canker-killed branches and remove them from the field.
- Scout for weevils and weevil notching.

Strawberries

- Scout weak areas for root weevil larvae, Strawberry Crown Moth, root disease or soil problems.
- Scout for weevil notching on leaves.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Can apply drench for weevil larvae management.

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