

# Small Fruit Update



Providing Northwest berry growers with the information they need when they need it.

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## Commission Requests for Research Proposals

- **Washington Red Raspberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#)  
November 17 is the deadline for proposal submissions.
- **Washington Blueberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#) December 1 is the deadline for proposal submissions. The WBC has revised some of their protocols for proposals so review the attached document carefully before submitting.
- **Oregon Strawberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#)  
January 5 is the deadline for proposal submissions as well for progress reports.
- **Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#) January 5 is the deadline for proposal submissions. November 21 is the deadline for progress reports.

### 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](#)

### National

[North American Blueberry Council](#)



## Industry news/resources

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### Newsletters/ berry reports

- [Whatcom Ag Monthly](#) Produced by WSU Whatcom County Extension. Includes excellent berry crop information.
- [National Berry Report](#) Daily fresh market berry reports. Hosted by the California Strawberry Commission, this report is generated from data from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and is updated daily.
- [The Source](#) (10/22) marketing news from The Produce News.
- [Weekly Market Report](#) (10/20) from General Produce Company

### Magazine/website compilations

- **The Packer:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).  
Recent stories and fresh market pricing for the various berries from The Packer.
- **Growing Produce:** [recent berry articles](#).
- **Fresh Fruit Portal:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).  
Recent stories for the various berries from Fresh Fruit Portal.

### Berry research blogs

- [Strawberries and Caneberries](#) by Mark Bolda, UC Davis Berry Extension Agent. **Recent entry (10/17): Comparing the yields of J rooted strawberry plants vs. normally rooted plants** Reports on recent insect and disease research and observations in California.
- [Team Rubus](#) by Gina Fernandez, North Carolina State Small Fruit Specialist. **Recent entry (10/8): Fall caneberry checklist/chores 2014** Reports on issues in blackberries and raspberries from the Southeast.

### Labor

- [Where the minimum wage stands in each state and how it could change on November 4](#) (10/17, The Washington Post)

### Regulatory Agencies

- Opinion: [Blueberry hostages: Did the feds go too far in enforcing labor laws?](#) (10/16, Los Angeles Times)
- [Heat rising over 'Hot Goods'](#) (10/13, Fair Warning)

### Products

- [Naturipe expands fruit snack line](#) (10/14, The Packer)
- [Giumarra redesigns Nature's Partner brand](#) (10/8, The Packer)
- [Tom Lange launches fresh-cut fruit snacks](#) (10/14, The Packer)

### Food Safety/Recalls

- [Fresh Produce products included in SunBurst recall](#) (10/17, The Packer)

### Technology

- [New fill-by-weight clamshell filler for blueberries](#) (9/30, Growing Produce)

### The West

- California: [Judge won't toss suit by strawberry industry against UC Davis over plant research](#) (10/2, The Modesto Bee)

### North America

- Georgia: [Georgia leads the nation in blueberry production](#) (10/16, Fresh Plaza)

- Florida: [Florida blueberry growers ready to rise to the occasion](#) (9/29, Growing Produce)

### International

- Chile: [Frosts may lead to varied situation for blueberry exports, says CBC](#) (10/17, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- Chile: [Chile hit with another cold snap](#) (10/17, The Packer)
- Chile: [According to estimates more than 100,000 tons of blueberries will be exported in the 2014-2015 season](#) (10/16, Fresh Plaza)
- Argentina: [Argentina will be 'substantial' processed blueberry player, says Comfrut](#) (10/13, FFP)
- Argentina: [500,000 kilos of blueberries are lost for lack of workers](#) (10/21, Fresh Plaza)
- Uruguay: [Uruguay's blueberry volumes to shoot up in 2014](#) (10/10, FFP)
- Argentina: [Increased inputs complicate next season's strawberries](#) (10/17, Fresh Plaza)
- U.K.: [British growers gear up for blackberry boom](#) (10/13, FFP)
- Poland: [Polish blueberry grower group fills Russian void with domestic market](#) (10/22, FFP)



## Event calendar

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- **October 29 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ 1 pm, WRRC Office, Lynden  
[Contact Henry Bierlink](#) for more information.
- **November 5 — Oregon Strawberry Commission** ~ 12 pm, McMenamins Restaurant, McMinnville. [Go here](#) for the Agenda & contact information.
- **November 11 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ 12 pm, at Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210. Contact Bryan Ostlund for more information at 503-364-2944 or [by email](#).
- **November 16 — 19 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting** at the Oregon Convention Center, downtown Portland.
- **November 17-18 — National Processed Raspberry Council** ~ Seattle Airport Marriott, Seattle, WA. For more information, contact Tom Krugman, 360-354-0948.
- **November 19 — Oregon Strawberry Commission workshop** "Fresh market strawberries: What it takes to be successful." 8am-7pm, lunch and dinner provided. Admittance is free. Woodburn, OR. [Here is the agenda](#). Contact Lora Liegel by phone (503-289-7287) or [email](#) for more info.
- **December 3 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ Annual Meeting in Lynden in the evening. [Contact Henry Bierlink](#) for more information.
- **December 4-5 — WSU Small Fruit Conference & Lynden Ag Show** ~ [Go here](#) for full agenda and registration information.
- **December 17 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Annual meeting** ~ Wellspring Medical Center, Woodburn. Details TBA. Call 541-758-4043 or [email Phillip Gutt](#) for more information.

- **January 6 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ Research updates 7:30-11:30am; Committee meetings 11:30am-12:30pm; Regular Commission meeting 12:30pm. At Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210. Contact Bryan Ostlund for more information at 503-364-2944 or [by email](#).
- **January 12 & 13 — 74rd Annual Pacific Northwest Insect Management Conference.** ~ At the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204. Details to follow. Proceedings from the previous years can be viewed [here](#).
- **January 13 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ Call 541-758-4043 or [email Phillip Gutt](#) for more information.
- **January 15 — North Willamette Horticulture Society Berry Day** ~ Clackamas County Event Center, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013. For the event webpage, registration, and more information, [go here](#).
- **January 27— Oregon Blueberry Conference** ~ 8 am - 8 pm (tentative), Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach, Portland. For those interested in sponsorships, contact the Commission office: Oregon Blueberry Commission 503.364.2944 or [email](#). Agenda and online registration will be forthcoming.
- **January 29-31 — Horticulture Growers Short Course at the Pacific Agriculture Show,** Tradex, Abbotsford, BC. For further information go to <http://www.agricultureshow.net/>. Program and on-line registration to come
- **March 16-17— OSU Blueberry School** ~ From [Dr. Bernadine Strik](#): “Please put our two-day “OSU Blueberry School” on peoples radar screen. The course will be focused on blueberry production on the east and west sides and target PNW issues. More info to follow.”

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