

Small Fruit Update



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

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Phil Ginthur

May 9, 1940—November 20, 2014



Phil Ginthur, longtime fieldman for Oregon Fruit Company, died a couple of weeks ago. There will be an open house for Phil at the Oregon Fruit Office on Tuesday (12/2, 4-7pm). [Go here](#) for the details. I'll miss you, Phil. As will all the growers who relied on you for so long as a business partner, source of reliable information, and friend.

Disseminating information for: Washington

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

Oregon

[Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#)
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British Columbia

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

National

[North American Blueberry Council](#)

Upcoming Events with Grower Information Sessions

[Go here for Full Event Calendar](#)

- December 4-5 — WSU Small Fruit Conference & Lynden Ag Show ~ [Go here](#) for full agenda and registration information.

- **New Posting: December 11 — OSU SWD Workshop** ~ 9-1, North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. [Go here](#) for all the details.
- **New Posting: December 15 — OSU Blueberry Pruning Workshop** ~ 9-12 (English) 1-4 (Spanish), North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. [Go here](#) for all the details.
- **December 17 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Annual meeting** ~ Wellspring Medical Center, Woodburn. [Go here](#) for full agenda and RSVP information.
- **December 17-18— WSU Blueberry Pruning Workshop** ~ December 17 workshop starts at 8 am, Enfield Farms, Lynden, WA. The December 18 workshop starts at 8 am, WSU-IAREC, Prosser, WA. [Go here](#) for full information. Free. Sponsored by the [Washington Blueberry Commission](#).
- **January 12 & 13 — 74rd Annual Pacific Northwest Insect Management Conference.** ~ At the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204. Proceedings from the previous years can be viewed [here](#). Details to follow.
- **January 15 — North Willamette Horticulture Society Berry Day** ~ Clackamas County Event Center, Canby, OR. [Go here](#) for all the details.
- **January 27— Oregon Blueberry Conference** ~ 8 am - 8 pm, Red Lion on the River, Portland. [Go here](#) for all the details including the agenda and registration links.
- **January 29-31 — Horticulture Growers Short Course at the Pacific Agriculture Show,** Tradex, Abbotsford, BC. [Go here](#) for full show information and Hort Short Course details.



Aftermath of an ice storm -- Legacy blueberries, Willamette Valley, November 14, 2014

Blueberry Mechanical Harvesting Research

The following articles are the result of research funded by the [US Highbush Blueberry Council](#)

- [Measurement of Mechanical Impacts Created by Rotary, Slapper, and Sway Blueberry Mechanical Harvesters](#) (2014, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture)
- [Visual Bruise Assessment and Analysis of Mechanical Impact Measurement in Southern Highbush Blueberries](#) (2014, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers)
- [Improving Blueberry Mechanical Harvest Efficiency](#) (9/17/14, Progress Report to the USHBC)

Pest Management Research/Reports

[Spotted Wing Drosophila SCRI Project Bibliography](#)

This is a listing of the scientific papers, proceedings entries, industry reports, etc. produced to date by the large USDA funded regional 5 year project that comes to an end this coming February

Commission Requests for Research Proposals

- **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.

Biocontrol Resources

The following links are found on the [Enhancing Western Orchard Biological Control](#) website. It comes out of a 5 year USDA SCRI funded project carried out by WSU, OSU, UC Berkeley, the USDA and the region's pear, apple and walnut industries. A lot of it is useful/applicable to the berry industry.

- [Pesticide Effects on Key Natural Enemies](#)
- [Enhanced Biocontrol Short Course](#)
- [Natural Enemies Pictorial I.D. Guide](#)
- [Video Gallery](#) includes videos on natural enemies in action; How to build & use HIPV lures to attract natural enemies, and how to monitor green lacewing adults using HIPV traps.



Raspberry field, SW Washington, November

Industry news/resources

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](#) (11/26) marketing news from The Produce News.
- [Weekly Market Report](#) (12/1) 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](#).
- **Fruitnet-Eurofruit:** [recent berry articles](#).

Northwest & National Berry Commission/Council News

- [Washington Blueberry Commission News for November 25](#)
- [Oregon Strawberry Commission's Fresh Market Strawberry Bulletin](#) This is a new, twice a month newsletter.
- [U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council's Bluespaper for November](#)

Berry research blogs

- [Strawberries and Caneberries](#) by Mark Bolda, UC Davis Berry Extension Agent. **Recent entry (11/14): Pesticide Resistance Course Now Available Online** *Reports on recent insect and disease research and observations in California.*
- [Team Rubus](#) by Gina Fernandez, North Carolina State Small Fruit Specialist. **Recent entry (11/4): Nursery List from NARBA** *Reports on issues in blackberries and raspberries from the Southeast.*

Labor

- [H-2A continues rapid growth in Washington State](#) (11/21, Capital Press)
- [Farm labor keeps tightening, industry says](#) (11/21, Capital Press)
- [President Obama: Plan will shield 250,000 farmworkers](#) (11/20, Capital Press)

Regulatory Agencies

- [DOL, Farmers in talks to resolve 'hot goods' lawsuits](#) (11/26, Capital Press)
- [Farmers fight Department of Labor bid to broaden 'hot goods' case](#) (11/24, Capital Press)

Industry

- Cal Giant: [High times for strawberries and blueberries](#) (11/18, FFP)

Research

- [Researcher explores drone-driven crop management](#) (11/26, Ag Professional)

Technology

- [New fumigation method \(for imports/exports\) allows for greater fruit volume](#) (11/27, FFP)
- Argentina/Chile: [Field management app Eland gains ground in Argentina and Chile](#) (11/24 FFP)
- Oregon: [State registry for commercial drones on hold](#) (11/28, Capital Press)

The West

- [Consolidated Fruit Packers expands Canadian operation](#) (11/20, The Packer)

North America

- [Blueberry demand strong through December](#) (11/24, The Packer)
- [Florida strawberry growers announce start of new season](#) (11/25, Fresh Plaza)

International

- China: [China calls for more produce](#) (11/26, Fruitnet)
- [Chilean Blueberry Committee's Crop Report](#) for Week 48 (November 24-30)
- Chile: [Chilean blues campaign goes hi-tech](#) (11/21, Fruitnet)
- Chile: [Chilean industry takes stock](#) (11/27, Fruitnet)
- Uruguay: [Blueberries after Bush](#) (11/28, Fresh Plaza)
- Argentina: [Argentinean blueberries could enter Chinese market next year](#) (11/24, Fresh Plaza)
- Bolivia: [Blueberry crops gain ground](#) (11/25, Fresh Plaza)
- Peru: [Camposol anticipates 17 million pounds of blueberries through next year](#) (11/16, andnowyouknow.com)

Archived Small Fruit Updates

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Oregon berry field neighbors