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Small Fruit Update

Industry News Highlights
Week 47 | November 22, 2017





Featured Meeting:

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 - 2017 Washington State Small Fruit Conference & Lynden Ag Show

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Main Location:

Northwest Washington Fairgrounds Washington Tractor Arena 1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA

Remote Locations:

- Eastern Washington – Prosser, WA
- **NEW THIS YEAR** – Southwestern Washington at WSU Clark County office 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA 98665

Labor:

- [H-2A minimum wage likely to increase](#) (11/20, Capital Press)

- [British fruit left to rot as looming Brexit squeezes seasonal labor](#) (11/19, NBCNews.com)
- [Long dependent on immigrant workers, Yakima Valley growers laboring with new reality](#) (11/20, Yakima Herald)

Weather:

- [Northwest winter forecast tilts toward wet, cold](#) (11/17, Capital Press)

Technology:

- Video: [Octionin's strawberry-picking bot is quick, nimble, and ready to replace humans](#) (11/20, Digital Trends)

Pests:

- [More than 1,000 invasive stink bugs found in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley](#) (11/21, CBC News)

International:

- [Peru: Blueberry exports up 30.7% between Jan.-Sept.](#) (11/16, Fresh Plaza)
- [Chile expands organic production](#) (11/15, The Packer)

Other:

- [California Strawberry Production system in detail](#) (6 minute video)
- [How people came to believe blueberries are the healthiest fruit](#) (11/15, The Atlantic)
- [How Driscoll's has navigated the reinvention of its 100-year-old brand](#) (11/21, Forbes)



Variety Description Videos from Nurseries:

- [Columbia Star blackberry video](#) (Blackberry)
- [Megasblue video](#) (Blueberry)
- [Titanium video](#) (Blueberry)



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