

Small Fruit Update

Industry News Highlights

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Lygus nymph. Photo by Lora Leigel.

Featured Meeting:

Nov. 29- Dec. 1 - WSU Clark County Extension is hosting a remote site for the 2017 Washington Small Fruit Conference.

Nov. 29 & 30 9am-5pm; Dec 1st, 9am - 12pm. (Wed-Fri)

[1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA 98665](#)

- Pesticide re-certification credits for WA, OR, & BC applicators will be offered each day.
- Vancouver participants will get to watch and listen to presentations, ask questions, and enjoy catered food and networking without having to drive to Lynden. Vancouver participants will have access to the full three-day conference and both conference tracks.
- Cost is \$50 for the full three day conference.

- [Go here](#) for the conference website.

PROBLEMS REGISTERING ONLINE? Call Diane at [360-306-1445](tel:360-306-1445) or Stacey at [360-354-1337](tel:360-354-1337)

Highlights:

- Climate change & Peruvian blueberries: [In Peru's deserts, melting glaciers are a godsend \(until they're not\)](#) (11/26, NY Times) *"Blueberries in the region grow to five times their normal size..."*
- [Lessons on marketing from Oprah: You too can sell five pounds of blueberries for \\$70](#) (11/20, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- [Cranberry overload: U.S. producers want to turn excess supply into compost](#) (11/21, Seattle Times)

Food Safety:

- [Outbreaks in Quebec, Twin Cities traced to Chinese raspberries](#) (11/28, Food Safety News)
- [Rise of technology in food safety](#) (11/27, Food Safety News)

Labor:

- [California Supreme Court rules for farmworkers, and upholds binding mediation](#) (11/27, Los Angeles Times)
- [California farm plans to appeal pro-labor ruling](#) (11/27, Capital Public Radio)

Companies:

- [Farmland investment firm expands with eye for mechanization](#) (11/28, Capital Press)
- [New berry company hits the ground running with full line of organics](#) (11/22, Fresh Fruit Portal)

The West:

- [California strawberry production already tops 2016 total](#) (11/22, Capital Press)

International:



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