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NORTHWEST BERRY FOUNDATION supports a sustainable NW berry industry through research, education, and reducing food waste. Visit [our website](#) and follow our [facebook page](#) to learn more about our latest work.

THE SMALL FRUIT UPDATE

is a biweekly newsletter (weekly during the Spring/Summer) for the Northwest berry industry, supported entirely by the region's growers through their regional berry commissions.



MAIN LOCATION: Lynden. November 28-30, 2018. Various ticket options. Washington Tractor Building, NW Washington Fairgrounds, 1775 Front Street

LIVE REMOTE BROADCAST LOCATIONS: November 28-30, 2018. \$50.00 (lunches included): Prosser (The Princess Theatre, 1228 Meade Avenue) and Vancouver (WSU Vancouver)

For full agenda, speaker profiles and to register, please visit [2018 WA Small Fruit Conference website](#).

BERRY COMMISSION REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS:

OREGON RASPBERRY & BLACKBERRY COMMISSION:

Research Proposals for the next FY (2019-20) due *January 4, 2019* [Go here](#) for the RFP.

OREGON BLUEBERRY COMMISSION: Research Proposals for the next FY (2019-20) due *November 30, 2018*. [Go here](#) for the RFP.

WASHINGTON RED RASPBERRY COMMISSION: Research Proposals for the next FY (2019-20) due *December 12*. [Go here](#) for the RFP.

WASHINGTON BLUEBERRY COMMISSION: Research Proposals for the next FY (2019-20) due *December 10, 2018*. [Go here](#) for the RFP.

INDUSTRY CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 15 -16: WORKSHOP: UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS IN AGRICULTURE Ag Tech Building, WSU IAREC, Prosser, WA 99350. [Go here](#) for more information, the agenda, and registration.

NOVEMBER 28 -30: WASHINGTON SMALL FRUIT CONFERENCE & LYNDEN AG SHOW Washington Tractor Building, NW Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA. Live streaming of the event at Prosser & Vancouver. [Go here](#) for the agenda, registration, and more information.

JANUARY 7, 2019: OREGON BLUEBERRY COMMISSION MEETING 7:00 - 11:30 AM- research updates, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM- committee Meetings, 12:30 PM- Commission meeting. Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210 (4001 Winema Pl NE, Salem, OR 97305). Contact [Lisa Ostlund](#) for more information.

JANUARY 7 - 8, 2019: PNW INSECT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE Hilton Portland Downtown, 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204. Go [here](#) for more information and a registration link. Contact [Jo Peterson](#) with questions.

JANUARY 9-11, 2019: NORTH AMERICAN RASPBERRY & BLACKBERRY CONFERENCE, NARBA's annual conference will be in Savannah, Georgia in association with the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference. [Register and get more details here.](#)

FEBRUARY 3 -6, 2019: NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY SYMPOSIUM & NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION 2019 CONFERENCE Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida. [Register and get more details here.](#)

FEBRUARY 4, 2019: OREGON BLUEBERRY CONFERENCE all day. Salem Convention Center, 200 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97301. Contact [Lisa Ostlund](#) for more information.

FEBRUARY 14 - 16, 2019: ORGANICOLOGY at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland, OR (921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204). The largest gathering within the organic trade. The conference is designed by Organically Grown Company, Oregon Tilth, Sustainable Food Trade Association, and Organic Seed Alliance. [Go here](#) for more information and registration.

FEBRUARY 16, 2019: 2019 ORGANIC AGRICULTURE RESEARCH FORUM Portland, OR. *The day-long forum will feature innovative presentations from researchers across all disciplines related to organic farming and food systems. The intent of the forum is to share the most current information with farmers, ranchers, extensionists, educators, agricultural professionals, and others interested in organic agriculture.* [Go here](#) for more information. Presented in partnership with Organicology (See Organicology event above)

MARCH 18, 2019: OREGON BLUEBERRY COMMISSION MEETING (BUDGET PREPARATION) noon at Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210 (4001 Winema Pl NE, Salem, OR 97305). Contact [Lisa Ostlund](#) for more information.

MAY 7 -9, 2019: BERRY HEALTH BENEFITS SYMPOSIUM Portland, OR, Contact [Lisa Ostlund](#) for more information. Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Downtown (319 SW Pine Street, Portland, OR 97204). [Go here](#) for more information and registration.

INDUSTRY NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS

- [Blueberries in Charts: With prices at their highest so far this year, will they continue to rise?](#) (Fresh Fruit Portal, 11/6)
- [Brexit and the booming British strawberry](#) (10/26, BBC News)
- [WSDA snares Asian gypsy moth; egg hunt is on](#) (Capital Press, 11/6)

COMPANIES

- [Camposol reports record quarterly earnings](#) (The Packer, 11/5)

RESEARCH

- [Study shows crops, forage may benefit from solar panel shade](#) (Capital Press, 11/5)

TECH

- [AI Is Already Changing The Agriculture Landscape -- Starting With Strawberries](#) (11/1, Forbes)
- [Robot Hopes to Solve Challenge of Under-Cover Pollination for Berries](#) (Growing Produce, 10/27)

INTERNATIONAL

- [Australia relaxes visa rules to promote agricultural labor](#) (Fresh Fruit Portal, 11/6)
- [Chilean blueberry volume expected to dip in 2018-19](#) (The Packer, 10/22)
- [Tasmania's berry industry: \\$80 million farmgate value](#) (Fresh Plaza, 11/6)
- ["We decided to import blueberries from Chile this year"](#) (Fresh Plaza, 11/6)

MISC

- [Health of Produce Industry Hangs on Berries' Health Benefits](#) (Growing Produce, 11/2)
- [USDA updates Chilean blueberry import rules](#) (The Packer, 11/5)

OTHER INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS

- [The Raspberry Scoop](#) (10/2, National Processed Raspberry Council)
- [October Washington Red Raspberry Commission Newsletter](#) (10/11, WRRC)
- [Washington Blueberry Commission Newsletter](#) (10/19, WBC)

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