

News from **Peerbolt Crop Management**

Seasonal updates sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have news to share during the off-season.

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This inaugural issue of our seasonal updates is being sent to various extension people, some industry people and the growers with whom we're working. Some will get it via email and others by fax. If you prefer it in a form different from the one you're getting, let us know.

Since this is going out to many sources, we're going to keep recommendations broad rather than comprehensive---more like an informal reminder. If you want specifics on anything, contact Tom. Also, if you have something you'd like to share with others in this *News* form, let us know and we'll try to get it out in an upcoming *News*.

Meetings:

2/17 -2/19 Canadian Berry meeting up in Abbotsford.

3/17 Grower workshop at WSU Vancouver campus. A lot of you will be receiving information in the mail. We'll get out more details as we get them. Pesticide credits will be available.

Crops:

All caneberries: Finish the canework ASAP.

Evergreen blackberries: Dormant spray of lime/sulfur in mid-February for red berry mites.

Blueberries: Scout for winter moth.

All crops: If you didn't use any fall pre emergent for weeds, apply one whenever you get a weather break now.

Chemical News: It looks very likely that we'll be getting Section 18s for Switch (Botrytis control), Brigade (weevil control) and Orbit (rust control) in raspberries for this year.

Week's Weather Outlook: "Normal" Highs mid 40s to 50, lows mid 30s to 40. Scattered showers and rain

Notes to our growers: Tom will be visiting before the end of this month with a review of the past season and recommendations for the coming season. Also, WSU would still like grower cooperators for their trellising work in caneberries, call Tom or Steve Klauer (360-576-6030) if you could help.