

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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Time to get on with the lime sulfur, fertilizer and spot treat weeds. Looks like a great weather break coming up this week!

Crops:

Raspberries: Apply delayed dormant lime sulfur application. Add oil for some mite control.

Blueberries: Apply Orbit (in Washington) for Mummyberry control.

All crops: 1) Apply fertilizer. Formulation should be determined by soil test.
2) Spot treat existing weeds.

Chemical Update: Section 18's have been issued in Washington for Orbit in blueberries for mummyberry control and Brigade in raspberries for weevil control. Requests still pending include Orbit on raspberries for yellow rust and Switch and Elevate in caneberries for botrytis. Elevate does have a full label for use in strawberries.

Insect/monitoring update: I've got the first leafroller pheromone traps up in some fields (Columbia farms on Sauvie Island wins for having the season's first leafroller adult captured!). At this point I'm just trying to catch the first flights to help figure out leafroller lifecycles. I also just hired Matt Dissen to help maintain the traps. He'll be starting the last week in March when we'll get the rest of the traps put out.

Disease Monitoring: I have found mummyberry spore cups that have opened in a blueberry field in the Ridgefield area. This means that the disease spores are present and if the plants have buds breaking they need to have a fungicide in place (Orbit) to prevent infection. Don't delay! Get Orbit on this week if you have blueberry plants at bud break in a field with a history of mummyberry problems..

Week's Weather Outlook: Looking good. Maybe some rain on Monday but otherwise clear and warm until the end of next week. Highs in the low sixties.

Notes: Lynell Tanigoshi at the WSU Research Station is still looking for area strawberry fields that might have weevil. He and Jeanette are working on what (and when) weevil species are showing up in strawberries. Let him know if you'd like some of your weevils personally escorted off your property. 360-576-6030