

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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Crops:

Raspberries: Caneburn when new primocanes are 3-4" tall.

Blueberries: Apply Orbit (in Washington) for Mummyberry control. Use Indar in Oregon. Repeat in 10-14 days up to three applications. Funginex may still be used in both states.

Evergreen Blackberries: Apply lime sulfur for red berry mite control when lateral growth reaches 2-6" long.

Strawberries: Apply Poast if you've got grass problems. Foliar fertilizers and/or fungicides can also be applied. Keep on top of any emerging weed problems.

Chemical Updates: A section 18 has been granted for **Orbit 3.6 EC** for yellow rust control in Red Raspberries in Washington. 4-6 ounces per application, maximum of five applications, pre-harvest interval--30 days

Insect monitoring update:

1) Leafroller traps in Marion fields in the Woodburn area had counts close to two hundred this week. We've also found larvae in all instars indicating that there was very little winter kill. This means that the orange tortrix hatch this year will be spread out rather than concentrated and it could be a heavy leafroller year. Matt and I will be getting the rest of the traps put out this week.

2) Now is a good time to check strawberry fields for root weevil larvae. Spot-check all fields by digging up a few plants especially in areas adjacent to potential weevil harboring vegetation. In weak areas where growth seems retarded, check more closely.

Disease monitoring update: Mummyberry spore cups are actively releasing spores in blueberries. Keep on top of Orbit (or Indar or Funginex) applications if you've had mummyberry problems in the past.

Field Days:

1) **WSU Puyallup:** Strawberry: June 15, 6-8 pm, Raspberry: July 13 6-8 pm

2) **WSU Mt Vernon:** Raspberry/Blueberry: July 20, 4-6 pm

3) **OSU North Willamette:** Strawberry: June 13, Blueberry/Caneberry: July 6

New farm manager at the WSU Research and Extension Unit, Vancouver: Martin Nicholson has been hired as the new farm manager. Martin was a faculty research assistant at OSU and comes by way of Lincoln University in New Zealand. He starts in mid-April. Stop by and say hello!

Week's Weather Outlook: Close to freezing this weekend. It looks like we've got a good spell of dry weather coming, highs in the 60's, lows in the low 40's.