Peerbolt Crop Management News & Opinions

Seasonal updates sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have news & opinions to share during the off-season. ~ *Tom & Anna Peerbolt*

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Marionberries have just started to be harvested in the Willamette Valley along with raspberries up in the Lynden area.

Down here berry size was significantly reduced in raspberries by the early season heat. We also had a fair amount of sunscald. Fruit quality is now looking pretty good.

I'm started to take the annual soil tests on strawberries this week. In previous years, I've done this testing in August and found that I was running into problems with newly fertilized fields.

Crops

Strawberries: Established fields: 1) Plan to renovate 2-4 weeks after the end of harvest. **2)** Treat for weevils if needed.

Raspberries: Switch can be applied for mold control if needed.

Insect monitoring update:

1)Orange tortrix adult trap numbers have dropped even in fields that weren't treated with a preharvest insecticide. We appear to be between flights. Larvae being found are first to third instars. Some contaminant problems are showing up in Marionberries.

2) Oblique Banded Leafroller adult trap counts continue to rise.

3) Root Weevil adults have started egg laying. Strawberry fields can be scouted by looking for leaf notching. If found, I'd recommend treating as soon as possible.

4) I've had reports of high **two-spotted mite** numbers in some of the newly planted strawberry fields in the Willamette Valley.

Disease monitoring update:

Botrytis—With last week's showers and our mild temperatures, some mold is showing up in raspberries.

Field Days:

1) WSU Raspberry, July 13, Puyallup, 6-8 PM.

2) WSU Raspberry/Blueberry, July 20, Mt. Vernon, 4-6 PM.

Weather: Continued mild and dry. Highs in the seventies and lows in the mid-fifties.