

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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Evergreen blackberries are now being harvested. As are Chester blackberries. Our mild, dry weather has made for a good quality crop so far.

Grower input needed: There's going to be a morning **grower meeting** Friday, September 8th at 8:00 at the WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Station on 78th Street. The reason is to get grower feedback on what direction they think the coming year's research program should be taking. It's the time of year that a lot of grant proposals are being written. **Please attend**—it's important for the researchers to hear what's been going on in the field and the problems you have that they can address.

Looking for blueberry fields: Gina Koskela and Joe DeFrancesco from Oregon State Extension are looking for blueberry fields in our area that have had problems with winter moth. They're going to be doing some monitoring this coming season. I'm aware of two fields to use one in Woodland and one in Brush Prairie. If you know of others let me know this week.

Beneficial Nematode Workshop: There's going to be a workshop on the use of beneficial nematodes for controlling root weevils. It'll be at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora on Thursday, September 7th from 8:30-3:30. For more information contact Pete Gothro at 541-737-5526 or Heidi Williams at 503-678-1264 x 10. Cost is \$30.

Soil Test results: I've gotten all the soil test results back and am in the process of writing up recommendations for fall lime and fertilizer applications. I should have them to all clients sometime next week.

Insect monitoring update:

1) Watch for **Redberry mites** in evergreen blackberries.

2) **Two-spotted mite** problems have required fall miticide applications in a couple of raspberry fields.

Disease monitoring update:

Rust is showing up pretty heavily in raspberries right now. If you've gotten the canework finished, evaluate whether an application of Orbit is needed. In all but the most severe cases, hold off until next year.

Weather: Cloudy and cooler starting Friday with a chance of showers through the Labor Day weekend.
