

Small Fruit Update

News & Opinions from Peerbolt Crop Management sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have something to share during the off-season. ~ *Tom & Anna Peerbolt*
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Crop Work:

All caneberries: Finish the canework ASAP.

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

Blueberries: 1) Do pruning 2) Start scouting for winter moth.

Strawberries: Start scouting for root weevil damage and overwintering root weevil adults.

All crops: If you're planning on using a pre-emergent for weeds and didn't use any in the fall, apply one whenever you get a weather break now.

Chemical Control Updates:

1) **Goal** (Oxyfluorfen) cannot be legally used in strawberries after January 31st.

2) **Brigade** (Bifenthrin) is getting a full registration for use in caneberries. Preharvest interval is three days. Re-entry interval is 24 hours for machine picked and four days for hand picked.

3) **Switch** (Cypronil & Fludioxonil) has been used in caneberries the last couple of years with good success for grey mold control and will be requested again this year.

Job offers:

1) **Farm manager** needed for large commercial berry farm. Call Tom (503-289-7287) for more information.

2) **Part time spray applicator** for North Willamette Research Station. Someone with some applicator's experience. Contact Diane Kaufman (503-678-1264 x 23).

Website additions:

1. **Joe D.'s pesticide update:** Every year Joe DeFrancesco (OSU) has done a concise, easy to read pesticide update for berry crops. Thanks to Joe's cooperation, we've made it available online. It will tell you what is labeled on the various berry crops and what its preharvest interval and reentry interval is. Go to www.peerbolt.com (our home page) and click on [Pesticide guide](#).

2. **Event calendar:** We've created an industry calendar, which we'll maintain on a regular basis. Please let us know if you've got an event to be listed. You can get to it from our home page (click on meetings) or from the News area where all past and the current News & Opinion updates are available.

Weather for the week: Looks like some good rains are coming in later this week into next. Highs in the upper forties. Lows in the thirties.

Up-coming Meetings:

Jan 30 - Feb 1 Northwest Agriculture Show ~ Portland Expo Center Giant trade show. Lots of equipment and information.

Jan 30- Feb 1 Oregon Horticultural Society meeting ~ Doubletree Hotel (formally the Red Lion Columbia River), Portland, OR. This meeting is in conjunction with the Ag Show at the Expo Center. The berry sessions are being held at the Doubletree on Thursday Feb 1. The blueberry session and berry session are running simultaneously from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

Feb 6 Willamette Valley Ag Professional Association ~ McNary Restaurant, Keizer, OR. Regular luncheon meeting, guests encouraged to attend. Noon to around 1:30 pm; lunch \$7.50. For more information, contact Dan McGrath 503-931-8307.

Feb 7 Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting ~ Lynden, WA Regular commission meeting. For more information, call the commission's executive director, Henry Bierlink, at 360-354-8767.

Feb 10 Farmers' Market 101. Larry Lev and Garry Stephenson are putting on this all day workshop for farmers' market vendors and organizers. Contact Gary (541-766-3551) or Larry Lev (541-737-1417) for information.

Feb 13 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting ~ North Willamette Research & Extension Center, Aurora, OR. Regular commission meeting starting at Noon. For more information, call ORBC 541-758-4043

Feb 15-17 Horticultural Growers Shortcourse & Trade Show ~ Abbotsford, B.C. Looks like a good agenda and great meeting. Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Northern Washington and Canada. Call Tom (503-289-7287) for details.

Feb 21-24 Farm Direct Marketing Convention & Trade Show. A four-day convention made up of two days of tours of Puget Sound farming operations and two days of seminars. Being held at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Everett, Washington. Contact Mary & Reid Carleton (425-334-2297) or carltonfarm@earthlink.net for information.