

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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Its time to renovate and fertilize most of the strawberry fields. Warmer this week but still pretty mild and dry.

Insect Monitoring

Strawberry crown moth: After renovation, strawberry fields with SCM infestations should be treated with Lorsban.

Leafrollers: First and second instar orange tortrix and OBLR larvae are present in some caneberry fields. Be on the lookout for contaminant problems.

Two-spotted spider mites: Some of the newly planted strawberry fields are showing increased mite populations. None are at treatable levels. Predator mites seem to be keeping them in check.

Disease Monitoring:

Not Spur Blight??: The problem showing up in a number of raspberry fields in Woodland, Brush Prairie and Ridgefield doesn't seem to be Spur Blight. But we don't know what it is. Samples have been sent to both the OSU and WSU pathology labs. The symptoms include fruiting lateral dieback. The leaves adjacent to the fruit die from the petiole out and eventually the late season fruit also withers. [Please take a look at the pictures](#) and pass on any and all speculation—we need an answer to this...

Cane blight: If you've had a problem with cane blight in raspberries, treat with Benlate immediately after harvest before the catcher plate wounds have healed.

Fruit Mold: Last week's showers and cool temperatures have brought out some minor mold problems in raspberries and blackberries.

Crop Work

Strawberries: 1) Treat for SCM if needed. 2) Renovate & fertilize established fields. 3) Fertilize new fields. 4) Check new fields for mites.

Raspberries: Treat for cane blight after harvest if needed.

Blackberries: 1) Apply fungicide for fruit mold prevention if needed. 2) Treat for leafrollers and other harvest contaminants if needed.

Weather for the week: Warmer and dry. Highs around 80 and lows in the high 50's.

Upcoming events

WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Station Field Day will be held August 22 from 1-4 pm at the station on 78th Street. Call Vicky Darnel for more information at 360-576-6030.