

## **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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### **September 12, 2001**

There's supposed to be a ruling by the Washington Department of Ag head, Jim Jesernig, later this month on how the federal farm aid money for specialty crops will be divided. There's still a good possibility that raspberry growers will be getting some payments from it. Call Henry Bierlink, the raspberry Commission's exec for more information--360-354-8767.

**Email/website Back Up & Running:** We changed our website host and had some difficulties over the past week getting onto the site and with our email going through it. The problems have been resolved—we're back in touch!

**Chemical Control Update:** The fungicide **Switch** (Cypronil & Fludioxonil) has been given a full label for use on strawberries. This gives us two low risk/low residue fungicides, Switch and Elevate, to alternate for resistance control in strawberries.

### **Insect Monitoring**

**Raspberry Crown Borers:** Now is the time to monitor for RCB using pheromone traps. They'll be in their moth stage over the next couple of months. Treatment, if needed, is an insecticide drench in the spring, but now is the time to find out if you will be needing that (fall treatment is possible but only if there's enough moisture to wash the insecticide well down into the root zone).

**Cyclamen Mites:** Some strawberry fields are showing significant cyclamen mite populations. Look for distorted new growth and decreased vigor. Treat with Thiodan (endosulfan) if needed. Use a lot of water to penetrate deep into the crown where most of the mites are located.

### **Disease Monitoring:**

**Rust:** Defoliation of the primocanes is the major worry with rust at this point in the season. But until canework is done, it's pretty difficult to get through the fields to treat anyway.

### **Crop Work**

**Strawberries:** 1) Check fields for mites. 2) Control weeds.

**Raspberries:** Monitor mites and rust for potential defoliation of primocanes.

**Late-ripening Blackberries:** Treat for leafrollers and other harvest contaminants if needed.

**Weather for the week:** Dry. Highs in the mid-70s. Lows around 50.

### **Upcoming Events**

**The Washington Red Raspberry Commission** is meeting today in Lynden.

**9/14 Oregon Blueberry Commission Meeting** will be held on September 14th in Doaks Ferry Meeting Room at West Salem Roth's IGA. For information, please call 503-370-3790.

**9/22 Christmas Tree Workshop:** WSU Cooperative Extension in cooperation with Clark College is having a Christmas Tree workshop at the WSU branch campus on Saturday September 22 from 8:30-3:30. You need to register by September 19. Call Charles Brun 360-397-6060 x 7713 for a brochure or information.

**10/4 Oregon Strawberry Commission** is meeting at the North Willamette Research Station in Aurora. It will start at 5:00. Call Ron Fuji (541-758-4043) for information.

**11/12 A workshop in Organic Food Production** will be held at LaSells Stewart Center on OSU campus. Registration is required. For information, call Debby Yacas at 541-737-6483 or 1-800-823-2357.