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Nice weather (meaning dry) this week. It's time to pick up on getting pre-emergent herbicides on fields that didn't get any fall applications.

Antidumping Update: The Washington Red Raspberry Commission voted to provide funds for the remaining legal work on the case, pending the written agreement of the raspberry growers and processors who signed the petition to reimburse the commission with any Byrd amendment payments they might receive. Those would be funds the government would send to them to reimburse for economic damages they incurred due to the dumping.

The status of the action right now is that the Commerce department inspectors have returned from Chile and our lawyers should be receiving their report by early next month. A final ruling is due by July.

An update will be given at the commission's next meeting March 19 at the WSU Vancouver campus. For more information call Henry Bierlink, the commission exec (360-354-8767) or Jerry Dobbins (360-225-8556).

Root rot: The good news is the drought is over. The bad news is that we're set up for prime root rot conditions. The recommended timing for **Ridomil** applications is around the first of March but given present conditions I'd say to go on whenever you can in fields at risk. **A precaution from Pete Bristow: Ridomil Gold** is more volatile than the old formulation and needs to be watered in to assure effectiveness, so apply it either just before or during rain.

Cropwork:

Blueberries: 1) Finish pruning 2) Dormant oil can be applied for control of scale and winter moth eggs. 3) Pre emergent herbicide can be applied. 4) Copper or Bordeaux can be applied for bacterial blight control.

Strawberries: Pre emergent herbicide can be applied.

All Caneberries: 1) Finish canework 2) Pre emergent herbicide can be applied. 3) Ridomil can be applied for root rot control.

Evergreen blackberries: A dormant spray of lime/sulfur can be applied for redberry mite control.

Week's weather: Dry through Friday. Chance of rain this weekend. Highs around 50. Lows around 30.

Calendar:

February 22: Introduction to Farm Direct Marketing A workshop aimed at interested individuals with little to no background in farm direct marketing. It will be held at the OSU campus, LaSells Stewart Center from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information, email him at Garry.Stephenson@orst.edu or call him 541-766-3551

February 22 PNW Christmas Tree Association Growers Short Course~Janzen Beach Double Tree, Portland. A full day of information on Christmas tree growing. Call the Association at 503-283-4466 for information.

March 19 Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting ~ Vancouver campus of WSU In conjunction with the Extension Workshop for Berry Growers. Regular commission meeting. For more information, call the commission's executive director, Henry Bierlink, at 360-354-8767.

March 19 Extension Workshop for Berry Growers ~ Vancouver campus of WSU
A full day of grower information organized by the WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Unit.

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