



**March 25, 2002**

It's warming up and drying out this week. Blueberries are starting to bloom. Be ready to get the bees in by 10% bloom.

**Orbit Section 18 for blueberry mummyberry control in Washington has been granted:** Growers with the problem should be ready to treat this week when the vegetative buds are breaking. Oregon has an OK to use **Indar** (Fenbuconazole). **Funginex** (Triforine), if you can find it, is still legal to use in both.

We've attached a (PDF file) copy of the **Emergency Orbit label** to the email Small Fruit Update.

**Cropwork:**

**Blueberries:** 1) Apply fertilizer. 2) Pre emergent herbicide can be applied. 3) Bring in bees at 10% bloom. 4) If mummyberry has been a problem in the field, treat at vegetative bud break. 5) Scout for winter moth. 6) Scout for mouse and vole damage & bait if necessary.

**Strawberries:** 1) Scout for root weevil and Strawberry Crown Moth in weak growth areas. 2) Scout for mouse and vole damage & bait if necessary. 3) Scout for cyclamen mites. 4) Scout for two-spotted mites.

**All Canberries:** 1). Apply fertilizer. 2) Pre emergent herbicide can be applied. 3) Ridomil can be applied for root rot control. 4) Apply drench for crown borer control if field has shown previous damage. 5) Scout for mouse and vole damage & bait if necessary

**Insect update:**

**1) Check for Winter Moth** in Blueberries. When scouting you would see a small amount of webbing tightly holding a flower bud cluster together with a very small green caterpillar feeding inside.

**2) Cyclamen mites** are showing up in some area strawberry fields.

**Disease Update: Mummyberries** are sprouting in area blueberry fields. Be ready to treat when the vegetative buds start opening (Not the flower buds but the vegetative buds). The overwintering mummyberries send up a mushroom like fruiting cup at this time of year ([click here for picture of fruiting cups](#)) If you're trying to avoid chemical applications, now is the time to destroy as many of the developing fruiting cups as possible by raking or cultivating the soil. For chemical controls see above.

**Chemical control Update:** Bayer has submitted a request to EPA to cancel all of its **Nemacur** (fenamiphos) registrations to be effective on 5/31/05.

**Weather:** Dry and warmer. Highs around 60. Lows around 40.

**Calendar:**

**April 11:** The **Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** is having a Nutraceutical Benefits Seminar at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora, Oregon. To get an accurate count for lunch you must contact the ORBC office at 541-758-4043 with your lunch reservations by April 5<sup>th</sup>. To see the agenda click [here](#).

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