

Small Fruit Update



Disseminating information for the [Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#) , [Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission](#) and [Oregon Strawberry Commission](#).

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Crop updates:

Blueberries: Whatcom and Skagit county growers are now harvesting Bluejay and Bluecrop. Dukes are about finished. Quality and yields continue looking pretty good in the North.

Raspberries: Harvest is very nearly finished in the North. They're on the last picks now. Some IQF growers are reporting yields are down from a half to one ton per acre from last year. Primocane growth looks good.

Blackberries: **Marion** and **Boysenberry** harvests are done. **Evergreens** should start picking soon.

Strawberries: Harvest is finished in all areas. Renovations should be about finished. Water, water, water....

Field Day Update

WSU Vancouver is having their Field Day next week: **Thursday (8/14) from 1-4**. Two pesticide Recertification credits are available. To view the agenda go to www.VancouverReu.wsu.edu. You can also call Vicki or Terry at 360-576-6030 for information.

Insect Update

1) Blueberry Tip Midge continues to be reported in some blueberry fields. We're still getting familiar with this insect that has been a major economic pest in Southern blueberries. It's a very small insect whose larva feeds on blueberry buds. Symptoms of infestation include premature floral bud abortion, leaf curl, stunted growth, and blackened tips. For more information and pictures go to <http://edis.at.ufl.edu/IN458>.

1) Orange tortrix leafrollers: Late ripening blackberries could need a pre harvest control application this week. Larvae numbers are now declining.

2) Strawberry Crown Moth: Infested strawberry fields should need to be plowed out or treated with an insecticide targeted at newly hatched larvae before they can bore in the crown. ([Click here for picture of moth](#)).

3) Weevils: Black Vine and Rough Strawberry Root Weevil adults are present in many strawberry and raspberry fields.

4) Spider mites. Some mite flair ups are being reported in raspberry fields in the North and South. Consider a post harvest miticide treatment if populations are increasing rapidly.

5) Black-headed fireworm: Continue to scout cranberries for black-headed fireworm.

6) Redberry mite infested berries are showing up in some late season blackberries. Berries never ripen but remain shiny brick red and hard. Mites feed within the fruit drupelets and are too small to be seen without a strong hand lens or scope. Treatment consists of preventative sulfur applications from budbreak through bloom.

Disease Update:

1) Caneblight prevention application need to go on raspberry fields right after harvest before the catcher plate wounds have healed. **Cabrio** (pyraclostrobin) is a newly labeled fungicide that is listed as having activity against caneblight.

2) Mummyberry infected blueberries are becoming evident as the fruit ripens. Infected fruit is shriveled and discolored. ([click here for picture](#)).

3) Spur blight foliar and cane damage is also now visible in some raspberry fields.. For information and pictures go to--- <http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/comhort/nooksack/ipmweb/Disease%20Sheet2.htm>.

4) Powdery Mildew. Keep an eye out for powdery mildew in strawberries. Leaves will curl up and expose a purple coloration on the bottom.

Cropwork:

Caneberries: 1) Treat for insect harvest contaminants if needed. 2) Fungicide can be applied for fruit mold prevention. 3) 3) Scout for redberry mite damage in blackberries. 4) Take soil samples after harvest.

Blueberries: 1) Rotate bird control/scare devices to protect ripening fruit from damage. 2) Scout for mummyberry infected fruit.. 3) Scout for weevil feeding in the lower suckers.

Strawberries: 1) Renovate fields two to four weeks after harvest. 2) Can treat for weevils if needed. 3) Treat for cyclamen mites if needed. 4) Can treat for cyclamen mites if needed. 5) Scout for two-spotted mites. 6) Take soil samples after harvest. 7) Scout for powdery mildew.

Cranberries: 1) Scout for black-headed fireworm. 2) Can apply fungicide to prevent fruit mold.

Weather for the week:

(South): Nice. Highs in the high 70s. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of showers today.

(North): Cloudy and cool. Highs in the high 60s. Lows in the low 50s. Chance of showers Friday.

Calendar:

August 14 WSU Small Fruit Field Day, Vancouver, WA Station, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information contact Vicki Darnel at 360-576-6030.

September 10 Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting at the WSU Research Station Auditorium in Mt. Vernon, WA. from 1-5. For information call 360-354-8767 or email WAredberry@aol.com

September 17 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting at the North Willamette Station ([NWREC](#)) in Aurora, OR at 6:00 pm For information call 541-758-4043 or [E-mail](#).

September 24 Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting Alessandro's restaurant in Salem, OR at 5:00 pm For information call 541-758-4043 or [E-mail](#)

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