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**December 15, 2003**

We'd like to welcome the **Washington Blueberry Commission** and **Washington Strawberry Commission** as new sponsors of the Small Fruit Update this year. Thanks for the support.

#### **Update on the Proposed pesticide buffer zones court case**

As I mentioned a couple of months ago, a US District Court judge has ruled that he intends to **impose buffers on applications of many common pesticides** near streams and other bodies of water accessible to salmon in Oregon, Washington and California. This means **no spraying within 60 feet of the water**. The ruling has the potential to **impact many small fruit growers in the Northwest**. For background information go to <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/Lawsuit.htm>. Just in the past week, the judge announced that he expects to issue the **final order on or before 12/31/03**. Go to <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/Vol1No12Dec12.pdf> for the latest info from the Washington Department of Agriculture. Also, **the Washington bodies of water to be affected** are those listed as salmon bearing on <http://www.streamnet.org/>.

#### **Cropwork**

**Blueberries:** 1) Pruning—can apply Bordeaux after pruning. 2) Can apply copper for bacterial canker (getting late...). 3) Next month can apply dormant oil for scale and winter moth control. 4) Weed control.

**Caneberries:** 1) Can apply Bordeaux after pruning and tying. 2) Can apply Casoron (dichlobenil) for Quackgrass control.

**Strawberries:** Start thinking about dormant weed control applications to be done in the next couple of months.

**Cranberries:** Can apply fall potash.

#### **Chemical Control Update**

- 1) **Nemacur** cannot be used on raspberries after December 31. On strawberries it has a 110-day pre harvest interval.
- 2) **Captevate 68 WDG**, a fungicide from Arvesta that combines **Captan** and **Elevate** (fenhexamid) is now labeled for use in strawberries and blueberries. A caneberry label is also in the works. It has a zero day PHI.
- 3) There's a potential problem in getting Section 18 emergency exemptions this coming year for **Indar** (in Oregon) and **Orbit** (in Washington) for mummyberry control in blueberries. There are a number of new fungicides that list mummyberry control on their labels. Even though there's no good efficacy data to support the companies' claims, the EPA might be reluctant to issue any emergency labels, claiming control agents are now available.

#### **Calendar**

I've expanded the calendar to include more national events that might be of interest

**Dec 16 — Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting** at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, OR. at 1 pm Call 541-758-4043 or [e-mail](#) for information.

**Jan 5 — Washington Blueberry Commission meeting** Chicona Room, Puyallup Research and Extension Station at 10 AM Call Dorothy Anderson at 360-766-6150 for more information.

**Jan 6 — Oregon Blueberry Commission Research Round Up** ~North Willamette Research and Extension Station from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Agenda is [here](#).

**Jan 7-9 — Western Washington Horticultural Association and Northwest Bulb Growers Association Convention and Trade Show** ~ Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA. Some small fruit sessions in addition to Information on bulbs, vegetables, potatoes and labor/trade issues. You can see their agenda and register online at <http://www.wwha.wsu.edu>

**Jan 8 — Washington Strawberry Commission Annual Meeting** ~ Radisson Hotel, Seatac, WA. 7:00 AM. In conjunction with the WWhA Convention. Call Norval Johanson 360-491-6567 for more information.

**Jan 12-13 -- PNW Insect Management Conference** ~ Hilton Hotel in Portland, OR. Click [here](#) for details.

**Jan 15 — North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting (berry day)** ~ Airport Ramada Inn, Portland, OR. This meeting is well attended by Oregon and Southwest Washington growers and has some very good updates for the upcoming season. Vegetable day is the day before (Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>). Contact the North Willamette Station for more information 503-678-1264.

**Jan 28 — The Strawberry, Raspberry, and Blackberry Program of the Oregon Horticultural Society Annual Meeting** ~ Double Tree Hotel Columbia, Portland, OR. The agenda is [here](#).

**Jan 29 — The Blueberry Program of the Oregon Horticultural Society Annual Meeting** ~ Double Tree Hotel Columbia, Portland, OR. The agenda is [here](#).

**Jan 28-30 — Northwest Agriculture Show** ~ Portland Expo Center Giant trade show. Lots of agricultural equipment and information.

**Feb 9-10 — Small Fruits Pest and Disease Conference** ~ Oxnard, Cal. Sessions on a variety of new developments and research. A field trip to UC Strawberry field trials to observe the latest in methyl bromide alternatives. Contact Mike Nelson or Mark Brown at 831-728-7771.

**Feb 19-21 — Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings** ~ Abbotsford, B.C. Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Washington and Canada.

**Feb 24-25 — Organic Agriculture Principles and Practices: Workshops for PNW Ag Professionals** ~ Wilsonville, OR. Click [here](#) for details.

**Feb 23-25 — 2004 North American Berry Conference** The Temptation of Tampa, Hilton Tampa Westshore, Tampa, Florida. Put on by the North American Strawberry Growers Association. Information and registration is available at [http://nasga.org/meetings/NABC\\_2004/about.htm](http://nasga.org/meetings/NABC_2004/about.htm).

**Feb 27-28 — U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council Spring Meeting** ~ Embassy Suites-100 Capitol Mall in Sacramento, CA. Call 916-326-5000 for information.

**March 2 — Blueberry Production Course** ~ Salem, OR from 8:30-5:00 for beginning and experienced growers and other agriculture professionals. Co-organized by Bernadine Strik and Wei Wang, Dept. of Horticulture, NWREC, OSU. The agenda and registration information will be available soon.

**March 23— WSU Extension Workshop for Berry Growers** ~ Vancouver, WA campus of WSU. Full day workshop for growers. Agenda will be available later. Call 360-576-6030 x14 for information.

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