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### January 20, 2004

This is a good time to start **scouting blueberry fields** for various types of bud damage.

- 1) Last year at this time quite a few growers reported bud damage attributed to **winter moth and leafroller larvae**. Look for webbing and/or tied up buds.
- 2) **Frost damage** will cause flower buds to decay quicker than the surrounding tissue so the flower tissue would appear black.
- 3) Some **notching to buds** was also seen last year. This could have been due to late season root weevils or cutworms.

Consult with your cooperative extension office or field consultants for treatment recommendations. One potential advantage to a more severe winter would be reduced levels of some of our insect pests such as leafrollers. Our string of mild winters has allowed for more sizable populations to overwinter.

**Name that cultivar!** For those of you interested in what some of our new cultivars should be named, come to **Help Chad Finn Name the New Thornless Blackberry Cultivars** at the Oregon Horticultural Society Meeting, January 28 at 4:15 pm. Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for more information.

**Washington Recertification credit courses** If you need to pick up some pesticide license recertification points in Washington, click [here](#) for a full list of open approved courses.

### Cropwork

**All Crops:** Can put out approved mouse bait as needed.

**All Caneberries:** 1) Finish canework. 2) Can apply Casoron 4G (Dichlobenil) for weed control. Especially good on quackgrass. Click here for label [here](#).

**Evergreen Blackberries:** Early reminder, if you've had problems with redberry mites during harvest, start your prevention program with a dormant spray of lime/sulfur or elemental sulfur in mid-February.

**Blueberries:** 1) Pruning—can apply Bordeaux after pruning. 2) Scout for bud damage & determine cause. 3) Dormant oil can be applied for scale and winter moth egg control.

**Strawberries:** Can use Spartan 4F(Sulfentrazone) for pre-emergent weed control until February 28<sup>th</sup>. It's off label after that date. To view Section 18 label [click here](#).

### Chemical Control Update

1) **Esteem 35 WP (Pyriproxyfen)** is an **insect growth regulator** that now has a supplemental label for control of **Lecanium Scale and Fruitworms in bushberries** (which includes blueberries, currants, and lingonberries among others). It can be used as either a dormant, delayed dormant or in-season treatment. [Click here for label](#).

2) There will be a change in **mummyberry control options** for Washington state blueberry growers this year. We've received Section 18 emergency exemptions for the use of **Orbit (Propiconazole)** the last few years but the EPA is putting a hold on all new requests for Orbit's use. The Washington Blueberry Commission has decided to pursue a Section 18 label for **Indar (Fenbuconazole)** in its place.

**Calendar**

**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 4 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** will be having a regular meeting from 1:30-4 pm in the Fire District #3 Conference Room, 307 19th Street, Lynden Call 360-354-8767 for 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. Information can be seen [here](#).

**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 [here](#).

**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. [Click here](#) for the agenda and registration information.

**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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