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Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting and information session for growers on February 4th. The regular meeting will be from 1:30-4, followed by an information meeting for growers on the state's proposed changes to the commission structure. Representatives from the Department of Ag will be there to answer questions and hear comments. Fire District #3 Conference Room, 307 19th Street, Lynden Call 360-354-8767 for information.

Proposed Marionberry marketing order comments. The USDA will consider any comments on the proposed marketing order that are received no later than Feb. 6. If you want information on how and where to submit a comment, go to <http://www.ams.usda.gov/news/310-03.htm>. This is a chance to have your opinion heard...

Cholinesterase monitoring & testing The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries is implementing new regulations requiring Cholinesterase monitoring & testing of chemical handlers beginning February 1st. Go to <http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/Cholinesterase/default.asp> for information. For berry growers, the affected pesticides whose handlers will need to be monitored are Malathion, diazinon, Metasystox, Lorsban, Nema-cur, Imidan, and Lannate, but growers should check the entire list.

Pesticide credits for LMHIA meeting There will be Washington State pesticide recertification credits available at the Lower Mainland Hort. Show in Abbotsford, B.C. this year (Feb 19-21). Thanks to one of our grower's personal initiative for getting them reinstated.

Oregon Pesticide Recertification Credits A full listing of recertification courses can be found in the latest Oregon Department of Ag newsletter at <http://oda.state.or.us/pesticide/pubform/newsletters/winter04.pdf>.

Oregon Department of Agriculture's Director, Katy Coba will be speaking on "Oregon Agriculture: What's Ahead" at the next meeting of the Willamette Ag Professionals Association at the restaurant at McNary Golf Course, 6255 River Road, Keizer, Oregon. February 3rd at noon. RSVP to Daniel McGrath 503-931-8307, Daniel.mcgrath@orst.edu All are welcome.

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 28th. It's off label after that date. To view Section 18 label for Oregon [click here](#). To view Section 18 label for Washington [click here](#).

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 3 — Willamette Ag. Professionals, see above

Feb 4 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission will be meeting at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville at noon. Call 541-758-4043 or [e-mail](#) for information.

Feb 4 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission will be having a regular meeting. See above.

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 23 Washington Red Raspberry Commission will be having a meeting on the state's proposed changes to the commission structure. This is being held at the WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Station on 78th Street in Vancouver at 10 AM. Representatives from the Department of Ag will be there to answer questions and hear comments. Call the commission at 360-354-8767 for information.

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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