

Small Fruit Update



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We've gotten our usual February break in the weather this week so its time to get into the fields when you can. Pre emergent herbicide applications, preparing new fields, dormant sprays and/or copper applications in blueberries all fit this window.

Some useful websites:

Oregon Berry & Grape Infonet: <http://berrygrape.oregonstate.edu>

Whatcom County IPM: http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/comhort/commercial_horticulture.htm

Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research: <http://www.nwsmallfruits.org>

Peerbolt Crop Management: <http://www.peerbolt.com/>

Pesticide License Recertification Credits:

Oregon: 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>.

Washington: 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: 1) Can put out approved mouse bait as needed. 2) Control weeds.

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 delayed dormant spray of lime/sulfur or elemental sulfur shortly after bud break.

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](#).

Chemical control Update

1) The EPA has reversed an earlier announcement that no new uses for **Orbit (Propiconazole)** will be allowed, so Washington state blueberry growers will most likely have it available for mummyberry control this year as they have for the past few years.

2) **Zeal (extoxazole)** is a newly registered miticide for strawberries. It has a unique mode of action that inhibits molting and kills eggs. It has reduced risk and is soft on beneficials. For the label, [click here](#).

Weather

North (Whatcom county): Dry until Friday. Highs around 50. Lows in the low 30s.

South (North Willamette valley): Dry until Friday. Highs into the mid 50s. Lows in the mid 30s.

Calendar

Feb 18 — Oregon Strawberry Commission will be meeting at the Mt. Angel Brewery, 210 Monroe Street in Mt. Angel at 11:30. Call 541-758-4043 or [e-mail](#) for information.

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. Washington State pesticide recertification credits will be available. Meeting information and agenda 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.

March 23—Weed Management Short Course ~ Corvallis, OR on the campus of OSU from 8:30 to 4. Call Dan McGrath for information 503-931-8307.

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