

Small Fruit Update



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December 13, 2004

The record-breaking **blueberry harvest in Oregon** ended up with a total of 33,740,000 lbs. (up from about 24,000,000 in 2003). Processed/commercial was about 20,488,000. Fresh was about 13,200,000.

I don't have the final figures for **Washington blueberries** but it's estimated to be around 14,000,000 (up from around 13,000,000 in 2003). Around 10,000,000 processed and 4,000,000 fresh.

Correction: The plant sales number charts in the last update had glitches in the percentage numbers for raspberries and blackberries. Here's an accurate version-- **Last year's plant sales numbers for raspberries, blackberries and strawberries** broken down by variety from the major industry suppliers can be gotten by [clicking here](#).

Fall Creek Nursery, our industry's largest blueberry nursery, has an opening for a horticulturalist/sales position. If you're interested, [click here](#) for the more information.

Raspberry plant supply update from Sakuma Brothers: Craig Ford passes along the following information on availability—They're sold out of: Meeker (roots still available), Cascade Bounty (formerly WSU 1162), Cascade Dawn (formerly WSU 1068), Anne, BC 89-34-41, Caroline, Prelude, and Qualicum. Call Craig at 360-757-6611 for more information.

WSU Extension now has an **online training option for pesticide applicators** in Washington) which allows pesticide applicators to take state-approved courses in their homes, offices, or local Internet locations. Go to the WSU pesticide applicator training options web site: <http://pep.wsu.edu/Education/educ.html>

Insect Update

Winter moth/Bruce Span Worm are now flying in all northwest small fruit growing regions. No control measures are recommended in this season. A pheromone lure is made but is only available from one source in Hungary. Contact me (tom@peerbolt.com) if you'd like the information on obtaining them (it ain't easy...). The larvae of winter moth can cause economic injury in blueberries in late winter/early spring by feeding on fruit buds. They seem to be a more serious problem in Canada and northern Washington than in the south.

Cropwork

1) Can apply Bordeaux after tying raspberries and pruning blueberries. **2)** Can apply lime, dolomite and/or gypsum to correct pH, calcium and/or magnesium deficiencies. High calcium levels also appear to aid in the control of Phytophthora root rot. **3)** Stay on top of dormant season weed control. **4)** Can put out pheromone traps for winter moth (see above). **5)** Can apply Nema-cur for nematode control in raspberries and/or strawberries.

Chemical Control Update

Nema-cur for nematode control has a December 31st deadline for use in raspberries. It also has preharvest intervals of 6 months in raspberries and 110 days in strawberries.

Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports

Calendar

Below is a listing some of the meetings of interest to small fruit growers coming up over the next few months. If you've got others not mentioned, let me know for the next update.

December 15—Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission ~ Noon. Sweetbrier Inn, Tualatin, OR. Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for information.

January 3,4—PNW Insect Management Conference ~ Hilton Hotel, Portland. [Email](#) David Bragg for information.

January 7—Oregon Blueberry Commission Research & Public Relations Roundup ~ 8 AM, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Call 503-364-2944 or [click here for details](#).

January 7—Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting ~ 12:30, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Call 503-364-2944 for information.

January 10—Washington Blueberry Commission ~ 10 AM, Chicona Room, WSU Research and Extension Center, Puyallup, WA. Call Dorothy at (360) 766-6150.

January 11,12—Small Fruit Pest Conference, Timberline Lodge, OR, ~ Contact Kim Hummer by [email](#) or call 541-738-4201

January 11-13—Western Washington Horticultural Association conference ~ Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA, [Click here](#) for info.

January 13—Washington Strawberry Commission Annual Meeting ~ 7 AM, Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA, Call Norval Johanson, (360) 491-6567 for details.

January 13—North Willamette Horticultural meetings (berry day) ~ Airport Ramada Inn, Portland, OR. Call 503-678-1264 for details.

Jan 25-27—Northwest Agriculture Show ~ Portland Expo Center ~ Giant trade show. Lots of agricultural equipment and information.

Jan 25-27—Oregon Horticultural Society meeting ~ Red Lion Columbia River Hotel, Portland, OR. The **Oregon Strawberry and Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commissions** will be holding joint research progress report sessions ([click here for the agenda](#)) in addition to their annual meetings. Blueberry research/information sessions will also be held.

Feb 16—Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting ~1PM. At Fire District #3 conference room, 307 19th Street, Lynden, WA. For details call Henry at the Commission office 360-354-8767.

Feb 17— Food Alliance Sixth Annual Recognition Dinner ~ Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, 7 p.m. For information call 503-493-1066.

Feb 16-19—North American Berry Conference ~ Double Tree Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Jointly sponsored by the North American Strawberry Growers and the North American Bramble Growers. For information call Georgene Thompson 717-243-1349, [email her](#), or [click here](#).

Feb17-19—Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings ~ Tradex, Abbotsford, [Click here](#) for information or [email](#). Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Washington and Canada.

March 16—WSU Extension Workshop for Berry Growers ~ Vancouver, WA campus of WSU. Call Dr. Lynell Tanigoshi at 306-576-6030 x 12 for details.

March 16— Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting ~ Vancouver, WA campus of WSU. Following the WSU workshop. For details call Henry at the Commission office 360-354-8767.

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