

Small Fruit Update



January 18, 2005

Crop totals for 2004 Season (in pounds):

These numbers come from the paid assessments to commodity groups except where noted.

British Columbia

Blueberries: Total 63,000,000 Fresh: 34,650,000 Process: 28,350,000

Raspberries: 21,500,000 (est.)

Strawberries: 6,453,000

Cranberries: 80,000,000 (est.)

Washington

Blueberries: Total 16,650,000 Fresh: 4,500,000 Process: 12,200,000

Raspberries: 54,011,000

Strawberries: 14,300,000

Cranberries: 15,500,000 (est.)

Oregon

Blueberries: Total: 33,740,000 Fresh: 13,200,000 Process: 20,488,000

Red Raspberries: 5,633,000 Black Raspberries: 2,195,000

Blackberries: Total: 48,768,000 (Marionberries: 27,821,000, Evergreens: 5,398,000, Boysenberries: 2,897,000)

Strawberries: 25,500,000

Cranberries: 51,000,000 (est.)

Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports

Plant Availability Update: Sakuma Brothers reports that they're out of the following strawberry and raspberry varieties.

Strawberries: Bonton, Camarosa, Earliglow, Firecracker, Hecker, Kent, Puget Summer, Quinalt, Seascape, Tristar, and Tribute. **No late season Strawberries** will be available this year due to a major setback with the fields they were in. This affects Puget Summer, Independence, and Firecracker.

Raspberries: (completely out or will be prorating): Anne, Autumn Bliss, Autumn Byrd, BC 89-34-41, Caroline, Cascade Delight, Chemainus, Malahat, Meeker, Summit, Tulameen, Cascade Dawn (formerly know as WSU 1068), Cascade Bounty (formerly known as WSU 1162).

Blackberry detritus removal: The best time to use machine brushing to remove old leaf stems from Marion and other thorny trailing blackberries (potential machine harvest contaminants this season) is in late winter when plants have had as much time as possible to lose leaves/stems naturally. Brushing is most effective and has the least risk of damaging buds or canes when it's done in late winter, when the weather has been dry for a few days, but before the buds start to swell. Avoid brushing while the temperature is below about 30F.

Blueberry late bloom in the Willamette Valley: The early season last year and the warm early fall/winter had some blues showing a very late season second bloom. Some 'Bluegold' seem to be even having a second crop! Better to prune off the shoots with late blooms to reduce the chance of Pseudomonas infections.

Winter herbicides: This is the time for winter herbicide applications. [Casoron](#) can be applied for Quackgrass control in caneberries. Pre-emergents can be applied in all crops to prevent weed problems in the spring. In strawberries, Spartan has a Section 18, emergency label (for [WA](#), for [OR](#)) that is in effect until February 28th.

Chemical Control Update—Some of the newer labeled materials

Aim (carfentrazone), broadleaf herbicide, **Blueberries and Strawberries**. Used in caneberries for caneburning, it is now available for hooded sprayer applications in the other berries. Will be useful in cleaning up grass cover crops that have broadleaf weeds in them. Manufacturer: FMC

Zeal (etoxazole), Miticide/insecticide, **Strawberries**, Manufacturer: Valent. It is a reduced risk insecticide that acts as a growth regulator against all stages of spider mites and European red mites. The active ingredient is a molting inhibitor. It has translaminar activity. It is labeled for lygus bug and spittlebug control.

Kanemite (acequinocyl), Miticide, **Strawberries**, Manufacturer: Arvesta

Scala, (pyramethanil) Fungicide, **Strawberries**, Manufacturer: Bayer CropScience [Information](#)

[Provado/Admire](#) (imidacloprid), Aphid control, **Bushberries and strawberries**, Manufacturer: Bayer CropScience
[Serenade](#) (QST 713 strain of *Bacillus subtilis*), Mummyberry suppression, Blueberries, Organic, Manufacturer: Agriquest
[Rely](#) (glufosinate), post emergent herbicide, **Bushberries**, Manufacturer: Bayer CropScience
[Sluggo](#) (Iron Phosphate), slug bait, Organic, Manufacturer: First Choice
[Endura](#), (Boscalid) fungicide-botrytis control, **all berries**, Manufacturer: BASF

Calendar

Jan 25-27—Northwest Agriculture Show ~ Portland Expo Center

Jan 26—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 in the Riverview Ballroom.

Jan 27—Oregon Horticultural Society meeting ~ Red Lion Columbia River Hotel, Portland, OR. The **Oregon Blueberry Commission** will have their annual research program in the Willamette Room ([Click here for the agenda](#)).

Feb 2—Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Meeting ~ Noon, Sweet Briar Inn, Tualatin, OR Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for information.

Feb 9—Oregon Strawberry Commission Meeting ~ Noon, Mt Angel Brewery, Mt Angel, OR Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) for information.

Feb 11—Oregon Farm Labor Legislation Seminar ~ 9-noon, North Willamette Station, Aurora, OR, Oregon Ag Alliance. Must preregister. Click [here](#) for information.

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 contact the registration office at 814-355-1912 or [email](#). For the conference brochure [click here](#).

Feb17-19—Lower Mainland Horticultural Short Course ~ Tradex, Abbotsford, [Click here](#) for information or [email](#).

Feb 23-24 North American Blueberry Council Annual Meeting ~ Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Call 916-983-2279 or [email](#) for information.

March 15—Oregon Blueberry Commission Meeting ~ Noon, Roth's West Salem IGA, Salem, OR, Call 503-364-2944 for information

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 ~ WA campus of WSU, Vancouver. Following the WSU workshop. For details call Henry at the Commission office 360-354-8767.

March 22— Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop ~ 1:00, North Willamette Station, Aurora, OR. Call Tom at 503-289-7287 for information or [email](#).

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