

Small Fruit Update



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October 4, 2005

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Sign up now for the National Berry Crops Initiative Workshop: Geneva, New York, October 25 and 26. So far, there are about 10 northwest growers and industry folks committed to attending this meeting in Geneva, New York, as well as three area researchers (Bernadine Strik, Pat Moore and Chad Finn). Most of those now signed up represent commissions or larger caneberry operations.

It would be great to have some more blueberry and/or strawberry growers as well as some fresh market and smaller growers also attending. This is an opportunity to be in on the ground floor of shaping a national berry organization and the direction of funding for small fruits research and outreach. Diverse points of view are needed to find the best ways to work together.

Northwest NBCI steering committee members attending and involved in the planning process are:

[Philip Gutt](#), (541) 758-4043, Administrator for the Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission and the Oregon Strawberry Commission

[Henry Bierlink](#), (360) 354-8767, Executive Director of the Washington Red Raspberry Commission

[Ron Fujii](#), former chair of the Oregon Strawberry Commission now with Pan American Berry Growers.

[Tom Peerbolt](#), (503) 289-7287, Research coordinator for the Washington Red Raspberry Commission, the Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission and also representing the Washington Blueberry Commission at this workshop.

[Randy Honcoop](#), Washington caneberry grower and WRRC Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for general information **hotel and registration information**.

[Click here](#) for the **draft agenda**.

[Click here](#) for the **draft strategic plan**

The deadline for registration is **October 14**.

Website of the Week: To see what the **Grape and Wine industries** are doing with their National Crop Initiative, [Click here](#) for their website (it's just getting organized). [Click here](#) for a newsletter explaining their plans (6 page PDF file).

Ongoing Seasonal Pest Information (Click on blue highlighted name for pictures, scouting and control information)

Vertebrate pests

Voles: [Click here](#) for management information and [Click here](#) for more information on population-monitoring methods.

Insects/ Mites:

1) [Aphids](#), strawberry.

2) [Strawberry Crown Moth](#): Infested plants either completely collapse or are weakened and show premature reddening.

3) **Weevils**, strawberries. [Black Vine](#), [Strawberry](#) and [Rough Strawberry](#) root weevils.

4) [Blueberry Gall Midge](#), blueberries. [Click here](#) for a PDF file of an OSU bulletin on this insect.

Diseases:

1) [Powdery Mildew](#), strawberries.

2) [Bacterial Blight](#), blueberries. Many growers apply copper or Bordeaux mix just before the fall rains start to help prevent bacterial blight.

3) Rust in Evergreen Blackberries, (*Phragmidium violaceum*): If you've got Evergreen or Everthornless blackberries fungicide treatments are recommended at this time for *Phragmidium* rust. It's become very active with the cooler weather and is impacting the new, primocane growth. It's also recommended that you remove all old fruiting canes as soon as possible to minimize the amount of infected material in the field.

4) Phytophthora root rot: In raspberries, growers can apply **Aliette** (or its equivalent) before the leaves start turning. **Ridomil** can be applied later, just before the heavy rains start. Gypsum applications as well as anything that improves drainage (hilling and/or subsoiling) are also beneficial for root rot control.

Cropwork

All Crops: 1) Scout for voles and treat as needed. 2) Weed control.

Raspberries: 1) Cane out. 2) Take soil tests. 3) Can plant cover crop. 4) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 5) Can apply Aliette (or its equivalent) for root rot. 6) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 7) Subsoil and/or hill.

Blackberries: 1) Cane out. 2) Take soil test. 3) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 4) Can plant cover crop between rows. 5) **Evergreens:** Scout for rust and treat as needed. 6) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 7) Subsoil and/or hill

Blueberries: 1) Apply copper or Bordeaux for bacterial canker. 2) Take soil tests. 3) Scout for Blueberry Tip Midge. 4) Scout for weevil feeding on lower suckers. 6) Apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.

Strawberries: 1) Scout for root weevils. 2) Scout for powdery mildew symptoms. 3) Scout for aphids. 4) Scout for Strawberry Crown Moth damage. 5) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.