

Small Fruit Update



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Washington Red Raspberry Commission Grower Survey results to date: [Click here](#) for the results so far of a research priority survey sent out to the Washington raspberry growers this fall. The return rate right now stands at 18.5%. Not bad for a mail in survey. If you'd like to have your say (& are involved in the Washington raspberry industry) you can get a form from the commission's office, [Henry Bierlink](#), (360) 354-8767.

Oregon Blueberry Growers Association Meeting Change: The OBGGA Fall meeting scheduled for October 22 has been rescheduled for **December 3** —North Willamette Research & Extension Center in Aurora. Call Judy Ebert at 503-663-6451 for more information.

There's still time to sign up for the National Berry Crops Initiative Workshop: Geneva, New York, October 25 and 26. The deadline for registration is **October 14**. 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, [Henry Bierlink](#), (360) 354-8767, [Ron Fujii](#), [Tom Peerbolt](#), (503) 289-7287, [Randy Honcoop](#),
[Click here](#) for general information **hotel and registration information**.
[Click here](#) for the **draft agenda**.
[Click here](#) for the **draft strategic plan**

Chemical Control Update

1) **Saber** (2,4-D), blueberries. Saber can be used for broadleaf weed control in grass aisle ways after the leaves turn red.

2) **Nematode control:**

- **Nemacur** has a December 31st cut off use date in raspberries and pre harvest intervals of 110 days in strawberries and six months in raspberries. .
- **Nemacur** is the only post plant nematode control material presently registered for small fruits crops and the label is going to be cancelled in 2007. A high priority for the industry has been alternative nematode control materials and methods.
- **Dr. Jack Pinkerton** (USDA), **Dr. Tom Walters** (WSU), **Grower Darryl Ehlers**, **Dow AgroSciences**, **Whatcom Farmers Coop** and the **Washington Red Raspberry Commission** have cooperated to put out a field trial of a new, as yet unregistered, material, Cordon/Telone EC in Whatcom county this fall. Other potential control materials in the field trial are scheduled for application next spring.

Website of the Week: The [Berry Health Benefits Network](#). This site development came out of the Berry Health Benefits Symposium held last summer and is sponsored by the [California Strawberry Commission](#), the [Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#), the [Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#) and the [Oregon State Department of Food Science and Technology](#). Great job—a lot of information.

New pest information:

[Raspberry Crown Borer](#), caneberrries: Look for weak stands with wilted canes. Check for borers in the crowns.

[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) [Strawberry Crown Moth](#): Infested plants either completely collapse or are weakened and show premature reddening.
- 2) **Weevils**, strawberries. [Black Vine](#), [Strawberry](#) and [Rough Strawberry](#) root weevils.

Diseases:

- 1) [Bacterial Blight](#), blueberries. Many growers apply copper or Bordeaux mix to help prevent bacterial blight.
- 2) [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.
- 3) [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 before leaf fall. 6) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 7) Subsoil and/or hill. 8) Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes.

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 weevil feeding on lower suckers. 6) Apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.

Strawberries: 1) Scout for root weevils. 2) (south) Scout for Strawberry Crown Moth. 5) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.