

Small Fruit Update



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North American Small Fruit Organizations of Interest:

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We've arrived at the time of the year when we stop sending this Update out every week. Thanks to contacts that have contributed information each week. It helps all of us to have their input. Also, thanks to the eight grower organizations who underwrite the costs of this Update. Any feedback can be passed on to Anna at anna@peerbolt.com or 503-289-7287. It's important for us to hear from you. Suggestions? Compliments? Criticisms? Is this useful to you? Which parts interest you the most?

Southern Blueberries: Elliotts are finishing their second Blue pick with improving quality. Ozarkblue and Legacy are finished. Rabbiteye varieties will get started next week.

Northern Washington Blueberries: Bluecrop are coming in. Some difficulties with machine picked quality--soft, with some red backs-- but good quality in general.

Southern Blackberries: Evergreen machine harvest is just getting started with most growers starting this week. Handpicking has been going on for around 10 days. Chesters are peaking with good quality.

Celebration for Pete Bristow—RSVP by tomorrow (Thursday 8/18) Come celebrate someone who's been a cornerstone in the success of our industry—Sunday, August 21, 2:00-5:00 PM. Allmendinger Center WSU Puyallup Research & Extension Center. For details, [click here](#). RSVP by August 18th to [Mickey Bean](#) 253-445-4554

Pesticide use reporting in Oregon: As those of you affected probably know, the recent legislature has funded the pesticide use reporting system in Oregon and expects it to be up and running sometime next year. [Click here](#) for the latest from the Department of Ag and how they want pesticide users to use the system.

New Pest Information/ Alerts (Click on the highlighted name for scouting, pictures and decision-making guide)

1) **Orange Tortrix:** southern blackberries. A new hatch of leafrollers is now happening in some late ripening blackberries. These can cause fruit contaminant problems—monitor closely.

2) **Mites,** raspberries. Economically damaging levels of spider mites are being reported in Northern Washington. Some growers are presently applying miticides for control. (click on the blue highlighted pest name for control options)

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

Insects/ Mites:

1) **Redberry mite,** blackberries: Infested berries are showing up in some late season blackberries. **Berries never ripen** but remain shiny brick red and hard. Mites feed within the fruit drupelets and are too small to be seen without a strong hand lens or scope.

2) **Blueberry Gall Midge,** blueberries. High infestation rates in many fields. The growing tips become distorted and die. [Click here](#) for a PDF file of an OSU bulletin on this insect.

3) **New Rust in Evergreen Blackberries,** (*Phragmidium violaceum*)

4) **Aphids,** blueberries. They can vector [Blueberry Scorch Virus](#) and should be closely monitored.

5) **Aphids,** strawberry. Post harvest control can be necessary in areas with high virus pressure.

6) **Orange Tortrix Leafrollers,** Southern blackberries.

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

Diseases:

- 1) [Cane Blight](#), raspberries: The window for treating raspberries for cane blight is immediately following harvest. Infection takes place by water splashing spores into the machine catcher plate wounds on the primocanes.
- 2) [Alternaria](#), blueberries.
- 3) [Anthracnose](#), blueberries.
- 4) [Fruit Rot \(botrytis\)](#), [blackberries](#), [blueberries](#),
- 5) [Mummyberry](#), blueberries.
- 6) [Phytophthora Root Rot](#), raspberries, strawberries.
- 7) [Powdery Mildew](#), strawberries.

Other Pests:

[Birds](#), blueberries.

Cropwork

Late Ripening Blackberries: Harvest ongoing. 1) Scout for insect harvest contaminants (leafrollers, weevils, stinkbugs, earwigs...). 2) Scout for mold and treat as needed. 3) Scout for redberry mite damage. 4) Can plant cover crop between rows. 5) Can cane out if cane disease is a problem. 6) Can take annual soil test. 7) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated with Casoron or Kerb in the winter

Blueberries: Harvest ongoing 1) Scout for virus diseases. 2) Implement bird control strategies. 3) Scout for mummyberries. 4) Scout for aphids. 5) Scout for leafroller larvae in rolled up leaves. 6) Scout for weevils.

Strawberries: Harvest finished 1) Scout weak areas for root weevil, cutworms, strawberry crown moth, symphylans or root disease problems. 2) Scout for two-spotted mites and cyclamen mites. 3) Scout for powdery mildew symptoms. 4) Scout for aphids. 5) Renovate fields about four weeks after harvest. 6) Fertilize and water immediately following renovation. 7) Can take soil test on established fields.

Raspberries: Harvest finished. 1) Treat for cane blight if needed. 2) Scout for rust and treat as needed. 3) Scout for mites. 4) Can plant cover crop between rows. 5) Can cane out if cane disease is a problem. 6) Can take annual soil test. 7) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated with Casoron or Kerb in the winter