

Small Fruit Update



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[Event Calendar](#) [Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#) [Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

Chemical Controls Update:

[Click here for the link](#) to details on proposed label changes:

(Information collected by Joe DeFrancesco, Oregon State University, Pest Management Specialist)

- 1) A detailed listing of **Diazinon** labels still valid on **caneberries and blueberries** as well as those whose manufacturers recently proposed deleting caneberries from their labels.
- 2) A detailed listing of **Sevin (Carbaryl)** labels still valid on **berry crops** as well as those whose manufacturers recently proposed deleting berry crops from their labels.
- 3) A detailed listing of **Thiodan (endosulfan)** labels still valid on **blueberries and strawberries** as well as those whose manufacturers recently proposed deleting blueberries and strawberries from their labels.

Nominations due for Positions open on the Washington Red Raspberry Commission:

Telephone nominations: Wednesday (9/14)

District 1 (1 open seat) –Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties call 360-902-2043 from 12 to 12:30.

District 3 (2 open seats)– Whatcom county call 360-902-2043 from 12:30 to 1:00.

Written nominations: Must be postmarked by 9/19.

Call the commission office for details: 360-354-8767.

Alerts (Click on the blue highlighted name for more information and pictures)

Rust in Evergreen Blackberries, (*Phragmidium violaceum*): **Advice from our researchers:** There is concern that the weather in September will be conducive to another cycle of infective spores. They surmise that lows in the 50's and highs in the 70's, especially with heavy morning dew or fog coupled with new growth are good conditions for the rust to be active. They suggest an application of one of our labeled materials (Abound, Rally or Pristine), concentrating only on the primocanes since rusts are particularly fond of new growth. As we cool off and are seeing highs around 60, they expect that the disease will shut down for the winter.

New Pest Information:

Weevils, strawberries. **Black Vine**, **Strawberry** and **Rough Strawberry** root weevils. As the weather cools, adults re-emerge from the soil. **Rough Strawberry root weevils** lay eggs in the fall as well as the spring and control measures need to be considered in problem areas.

ORBC website has a PDF file of the 2004 Oregon Ag Facts and Figures from the ODA—a two-page breakdown of crop acreages, yields, etc. (32.4 million lbs of strawberries? Is that right?)

Training and growing information for Commercial Currants and Gooseberries: [Click here](#) for the August volume of the **New York Berry News** (Cornell University). It contains a detailed description of the Cordon training system used successfully in Europe for growing fresh market currants and gooseberries. (15 page PDF file)

Job Openings:

1) **Washington State University** is seeking candidates for the **new position of Biologically Intensive and Organic Agriculture (BIOAg) Coordinator**. The full notice of vacancy can be viewed at:

<http://www.hrs.wsu.edu/employment/FAPvacancies.asp> (under Search #4110). Screening date is November 1.

2) **Washington State University** is seeking candidates for the **Area Extension Educator** for Franklin and Benton Counties, Commercial Vegetables and Irrigated Cropping Systems, Pasco, WA. . The full notice can be viewed at:

<http://www.hrs.wsu.edu/employment/FAPvacancies.asp> (Search #4091). Screening date is November 1.

3) **Sakuma Bros. Processing** is seeking a full time Grower Liaison with a min. AA degree with 5 years experience in related field/industry. Resume and references can be sent to HR Dept. Sakuma Bros. Farms, Inc., PO Box 427, Burlington, WA 98233; Fax: 360-757-3936; mhrdept@sakumabros.com

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

Vertebrate Pests:

Voies: [Click here](#) for information on population-monitoring methods. If populations are still too high after baiting with a Zinc Phosphide product, it's best to use an anti-coagulant for the second treatment. Zinc Phosphide can cause bait shyness in the surviving population."

Insects/ Mites:

1) **Obliquebanded leafrollers:** An OBLR hatch is ongoing in southwestern Washington caneberries.

2) **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.

3) **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.

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) **Mites:** [strawberries](#) ; [raspberries](#).

7) **Cyclamen mites**, strawberries.

Diseases:

1) **Phytophthora Root Rot**, raspberries, strawberries.

2) **Powdery Mildew**, strawberries.

Cropwork (post harvest)

Raspberries: 1) Scout for rust. 2) Scout for mites. 3) Can plant cover crop. 4) Can cane out. 5) Can take tissue and/or soil tests. 6) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter.

Blackberries: 1) Can plant cover crop between rows. 2) Can cane out for summer training. 3) Can take tissue and/or soil test. 4) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 5) Scout for rust.

Blueberries: 1) Scout for aphids. 2) Can take tissue and/or soil tests. 3) Scout for Blueberry Tip Midge. 4) Scout for weevil feeding on lower suckers.

Strawberries: 1) Scout for root weevils. 2) Scout for two-spotted mites and cyclamen mites. 3) Scout for powdery mildew symptoms. 4) Scout for aphids.