



September 5, 2006

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Upcoming Meetings:

September 6---Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting ~ Olsen House on the Mt. Vernon Research Station from 1-5 PM. Call Henry Bierlink for more information 360-354-8767.

September 19 —Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting ~ West Salem Roth's IGA in Salem, OR. Doaks Ferry Room at noon. Call the Commission office for more information 503-364-2944

September 26 —Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting ~ 5:00 pm. Location TBA. For more information, call (541-758-4043) or [email](#) the commission office.

October 5-7 — The North American Blueberry Growers Council and the US Highbush Blueberry Council Fall Meetings ~ Bar Harbor, Maine. [Click here](#) for hotel information and a draft agenda.

October 17 —Washington Blueberry Commission meeting~ Puyallup, time and room location to be announced. Contact [Dorothy Anderson](#) for more information 360-766-4001

Blueberry Pruning: Very few single factors can influence your overall yields and fruit quality as much as pruning (or the lack of it). It takes some understanding of how the plant works to devise a consistent, effective pruning system. Here are a couple of good links: [Click here](#) to order the **OSU Blueberry Pruning Video**, [Click here](#) for a concise article from New Jersey blueberry expert, Dr. Gary Pavlis. A little knowledge could make you a whole lot of money.

Caneberry Growers--Choice of Binder Twine: This seems to come up every year—Do you choose the cheaper twine produced in Mexico or the more expensive, higher quality twine from Portugal? I've seen some fields that have had to be retied due to failure of the less expensive twine. Weigh your experience versus the possible time and expense involved in 'cutting corners'.

The photos of the week: Redberry mite symptoms in Chester blackberries.

Web link of the Week: [Click here](#) for a newly released publication from the USDA on farm security. The title is " **Pre-Harvest Security Guidelines and Checklist**". (20 page PDF file)

New pest Information

Voles: Vole populations are cyclic and it looks like ours has finally crashed. After a number of years of very serious infestations, I'm hearing of, and seeing, very few problems this year.

Insects/Mites

Ongoing Pest Information (Click on underlined blue name for information, photos and control options.)

Insects/Mites

- 1) [Mites](#), raspberries.
- 2) [Black Vine Weevils](#), blueberries.
- 3) [Azalea Bark Scale](#), southern blueberries: [Click here](#) for photos and information.
- 4) Weevils: strawberries. [Black Vine](#), [Strawberry](#) and [Rough Strawberry](#).
- 5) [Aphids](#), blueberries.
- 6) [Blueberry Gall Midge](#), blueberries.
- 7) [Obliquebanded leafrollers](#), blueberries.
- 4) [Orange Tortrix leafrollers](#), Southern caneberries.

Diseases

- 1) Phytophthora Root Rot, [raspberries](#), [blueberries](#), [strawberries](#).
- 2) [Alternaria Fruit Rot](#), blueberries.
- 3) [Anthracnose Ripe Rot](#), B.C. blueberries

4) [Mummyberry](#), blueberries

Cropwork:

Tissue analysis & soil testing: Post harvest is the best time to do annual tissue testing for nutrient management. In blueberries and caneberries, annual tissue testing is recommended. Soil testing is recommended every few years or when monitoring for the correction of a nutrient problem.

Northern Raspberries: If old floricanes have been removed and new canes tied up, subsoil and cultivate.

Caneberries: 1) Cane out old floricanes now if cane disease is a problem in red raspberries and trailing blackberries that are done fruiting. If cane disease isn't a problem, wait until October or so for better plant health, improved cold hardiness and less overwintering habitat for leafrollers. 2) Scout for mites and treat as needed. 3) Can plant cover crop. 4) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated with Casoron or Kerb in the winter.

Blueberries: 1) Scout for aphids in fields having or close to fields having blueberry Scorch virus. 2) Scout for scale. 3) Scout for weevil notching on leaves. 4) Scout for mummyberry infected fruit. 5) Can prune out fall webworm tents and canker killed branches.

Strawberries: 1) Scout for weevil leaf notching and adult weevils. 2) Scout for virus symptoms (distorted leaves/new growth). 3) Scout for aphids. 4) Scout for two-spotted mites and cyclamen mites. 5) Scout for powdery mildew and treat as needed.