

# Small Fruit Update



October 25, 2006

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## Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission:

**October 25—Commission meeting** ~ 11:30 am, Wilsonville Holiday Inn. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

### **Processor/Handler Position Vacancy**

The ORBC's Handler Position #2 is vacant and the Oregon Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for a limited period of time. This position is appointed by the ODA Director. Because the position was vacated prior to term completion, the first year will be a partial term ending June 30, 2007. Whoever is appointed will be eligible for re-appointment for two consecutive three-year terms. The Commodity Commission Application and Qualification Form is available at [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD/cc\\_oversight.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD/cc_oversight.shtml)

## Washington Red Raspberry Commission:

**October 31—Commission meeting** ~ 1 PM, Lynden. Call 360-354-8767 or [email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information.

Also on **October 31—Informational meeting for raspberry growers** ~ 5 PM (following the Raspberry Commission meeting), the 19th St. Fire Hall, Lynden. Discussion, with their fellow growers, of options regarding changes to the **raspberry grades & standards** and/or **forming a juice co-op**. This meeting is an independent effort led by several Lynden area growers. Contact Amarjit Brar at 360-815-5888 for more information.

**December 6 —Commission meeting** ~ 1 PM, Lynden, WA. Call (360-354-8767) or [email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information.

## Oregon Blueberry Commission:

**November 15—Commission meeting** ~ Noon, Roth's IGA, 1130 Wallace Rd NW, Salem. For more information, call (503) 364-2944.

**January 5—Researcher/Contractor Roundup** ~ 8 am to noon, Construction & Engineering Hall, LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. Researchers with current projects will give presentations.

## Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research:

**November 30—The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research (NCSFR) Annual Conference** will be held in Kennewick, Washington. [Click here](#) for conference information.

## Oregon Strawberry Commission:

**December 12—Commission meeting** ~ 9 AM, Roth's IGA, 1130 Wallace Rd NW, Salem. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

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**Oregon Pesticide Use Reporting System:** This becomes mandatory starting January 1, 2007. [Click Here](#) for information.

**Photo of the week:** Fog in the fields. Time to get copper on those blueberries.

## Cropwork

**All Crops:** 1) Scout for voles and treat as needed. 2) Weed control. 3) Can take soil tests for fertility and/or nematodes.

**Raspberries:** 1) Cane out. 2) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 3) Can apply Ridomil for root rot control. 4) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 5) Subsoil and/or hill. 6) Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes. 7) Can drench for borer control.

**Blackberries:** 1) Cane out. 2) Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter. 3) Can plant cover crop between rows. 4) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 5) Subsoil and/or hill. 6) Can apply copper or Bordeaux. 7) Can drench for borer control.

**Blueberries:** 1) Apply copper or Bordeaux for bacterial canker. 2) Scout for weevil feeding on lower suckers. 3) Apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 4) Fall plantings should get weed spray as soon as possible after planting.

**Strawberries:** 1) Scout for root weevils. 2) (south) Scout for Strawberry Crown Moth. 3) Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer. 4) Apply fall pre emergent herbicide.

## Chemical Control Update

1) **Nematodes, raspberries:** [Nemacur](#) has a December 31<sup>st</sup> cut off use date in raspberries and pre harvest intervals of 110 days in strawberries and six months in raspberries.

2) **Broadleaf weeds, blueberries:** Once blueberry leaves turn red and start to drop, [Saber \(2,4-D\)](#) herbicide can be used for control of broadleaf weeds with much reduced risk of plant damage. Always use caution when using 2,4-D in blueberries.

## Pest Information

### Insects/ Mites:

1) **Strawberry Crown Moth, strawberries:** Infested strawberry plants either completely collapse or are weakened and show premature reddening.

2) **Strawberry Crown Moth, blackberries:** In blackberries, primocanes are girdled and easily break during training. Infested fields show fewer, weaker canes.

3) **Weevils, strawberries:** [Black Vine](#), [Strawberry](#) and [Rough Strawberry](#) root weevils. With cool, wetter fall weather, weevil adult feeding damage (leaf notching) can be found. Rough Strawberry root weevils also lay eggs during this time and control measures for Rough Strawberry and other species are recommended in infested fields.

### Diseases:

1) **Bacterial Blight, blueberries:** Copper or Bordeaux mix are recommended help prevent bacterial blight. Optimal timing is just before the fall rains commence to ensure the most active ingredient is present at the time when the bacteria are most likely to be infecting the tissue. Applying too early will lead to wasted material and less control.

2) **Rust in Evergreen Blackberries:** (*Phragmidium violaceum*): It has become active with the cooler weather. It's 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, raspberries:** [Ridomil](#) can be applied 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.