



December 4, 2006

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the week](#) : A Southwest Washington raspberry field in winter.

The blizzard conditions in northern Washington and British Columbia growing regions last week definitely had the potential to cause some dehydration and cold damage raspberry and blackberry canes. One report from the Fraser valley was of wind chill of -30 C (-22 F) with 50 mph winds. Blueberries and strawberries had enough snow cover to probably escape significant damage.

Website of the Week: Back, by popular demand, from last year's Update. **Just for the holidays.** The new and improved **berry recipe site!**--- 220 **blackberry** recipes (up from 161 in 2005), 892 **raspberry** recipes (only 514 last year), 1,263 **blueberry** recipes (a mere 637 in last year), 2,342 **strawberry** recipes (1,072 in 2005), and 2053 **cranberry** recipes (1,001 more than 2005!). Plus-huckleberry, gooseberry, elderberry and mulberry recipes! [Click here.](#)

2006 PNW Nursery Plant Sales by Variety for Raspberries, Blackberries and Strawberries from the major industry suppliers -- Thanks to the various nurseries for sharing this information and Dr. Pat Moore, the WSU small fruit plant breeder, for compiling it. Click on the highlighted crop above for a PDF file for that crop's numbers.

NWIPM web site review: We're going through our **annual review** of information and links on the [nwipm.info](#) web site. If you've come across any links that didn't work, misinformation or missing information on the site, please pass it along. Any feedback or suggestions are very welcome. [Email](#) or call Tom or Anna Peerbolt at 503-289-7287.

Some Upcoming Small Fruit Events ([Click here](#) for a more complete calendar)

Washington Red Raspberry Commission:

[Go to the WRRC web site](#) for an agenda on the following meetings. Call (360-354-8767) or [email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information if necessary.

December 4—Commission research meeting ~ 12:30-5 PM, Rotary Building, Northwest Washington Fair Grounds, Lynden WA.

December 4—Commission Annual meeting ~ 6 PM, Rotary Building, Lynden WA.

December 6—Commission meeting ~ 11 AM, 19th St. Fire Hall, Lynden, WA.

Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop:

December 5—7:30-3:30 ~ Rotary Building, Northwest Washington Fair Grounds, Lynden WA. [Click here](#) for an agenda. For information contact Kristine K. Schlamp, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, WSU Extension, Whatcom County 360-676-6707 Ext.50297 kschlamp@wsu.edu.

Washington Strawberry Commission:

December 7—Commission research review meeting ~ 9 AM in the Chicon Room of the Administration Building at WSU Puyallup. Contact Norval Johanson, 360-491-6567.

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.

Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission:

December 14—Commission meeting ~ 11:30, Denny's Restaurant, 30175 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville, OR. Call 541-758-4043 or [E-mail](#) the commission office for more information.

Western Washington Horticultural Association Convention & Trade Show:

January 3-4 —Seattle Marriott, Seatac, WA. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Oregon Blueberry Commission:

January 5—Researcher/Contractor Roundup ~ 8 am to noon, Construction & Engineering Hall, LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. [Click here](#) for the agenda.

North Willamette Valley Horticulture Society

January 11 —Berry Day. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 Ave, Canby. For more information call Diane Kaufman 503-678-1264 extension 123.

58th Annual Western Small Fruit Pest Management Conference,

January 15 -16—Ramada Inn, Abbotsford, BC, Canada, Contact Mark Sweeney, Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca or Siva Sabaratnam, Siva.Sabaratnam@gov.bc.ca for more information.

Washington Blueberry Commission:

January 23—**Commission research review meeting** ~ 10 AM in the Chicon Room of the Administration Building at WSU Puyallup. Contact [Dorothy Anderson](mailto:Dorothy.Anderson@wsu.edu) for more information 360-766-6150

Northwest Agricultural Show:

January 30-February 1 ~ Portland, Expo Center, The largest Ag show in the Northwest. [Click Here](#) for information. The seminar schedule is also available at this link.

Oregon Horticultural Society seminars:

January 30 ~ AM--Caneberry session, Lunch--ORBC Annual meeting, Agenda TBA.

January 31 ~ Blueberry session, Agenda TBA.

Kwantlen College Biocontrol Workshop/ Seminar:

February 1-2—**Parasitoids and their use in Biocontrol** ~ Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Langley, B.C. Biocontrol Seminar and Workshop Info line 604-599-3333 or email Biocontrol@kwantlen.com.

49th Annual Horticulture Growers Short Course:

February 15-17—TRADEX, Abbotsford, BC, [Click here](#) for the program (after Dec. 10). Contact Sandy Gordon, sandyg@uniserve.com or Mark Sweeney, Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca for more information.