



October 24, 2007

[Event Calendar](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photos of the Week](#): A change of season: fog in the fields.

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

An **Oregon Strawberry Summit**, co-sponsored by the Oregon Strawberry Commission and the Oregon Department of Ag, is happening next Tuesday, October 30, at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City. If you're involved in the Oregon strawberry industry, this is an important opportunity to contribute to its future. [Click here](#) for the agenda. [Click here](#) for directions and a map. Contact the Commission office for more information 541-758-40443 or [email them](#).

Other Upcoming meetings:

- **October 31: Washington Red Raspberry Commission Board meeting** ~ Lynden, WA. Call (360) 354-8767 or [email Henry Bierlink](#), Executive Director, for more information.
- **November 8: Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ 1 pm Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, OR. Call the Commission office for more information 541-758-40443 or [email them](#).
- **November 11-13: Southeast Strawberry Expo** ~ at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Research Triangle Park (Durham), North Carolina. New Grower workshop and farm tour on November 11; trade show and educational sessions on November 12-13. For more information, email ncstrawberry@mindspring.com, call 919-542-3687, or visit www.ncstrawberry.com.
- **November 13: Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ noon, West Salem Roth's IGA in Salem, OR. Doaks Ferry Room at noon. Call the Commission office for more information 503-364-2944.
- **November 29-30: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Annual Conference** ~ Holiday Inn Boise Airport, 3300 Vista Ave., Boise, ID. Phone 208-343-4900. Conference on the 29th, committee meeting morning of the 30th. For more information contact the office 541-758-4043 or email [Philip Gutt](#), Program Coordinator.

Industry News

- **National Sustainable Agriculture Standard Setting Process to Launch This Fall:** [Click here](#) to view a draft of this proposed standard. From the introduction: "The purpose of the Standard is **to establish a comprehensive framework and common set of environmental, social, and quality requirements** by which to demonstrate that an agricultural product has been produced and handled in a sustainable manner, from soil preparation and seed planting through production, harvest, post-harvest handling, and distribution for sale."
- **2007 Northwest Plant Sales Numbers (Caneberries and Strawberries):** [Click here](#) for a breakdown by variety for nursery plant sales. Thanks to Dr. Pat Moore, WSU Small Fruit Breeder for compiling this information and to the nurseries involved for sharing it.
- **Farm Bill News:** [Click here](#) for a Business Week article entitled, " Farm Bill Compromise Draws Criticism".
- **Saving the "AgJobs" bill:** [Click here](#) to go to a website maintained by Agricultural Coalition for Immigration Reform (ACIR). It has information on the bill as well as a very easy way to automatically send letters to your congress people. It's coming down to the final vote on adding this to the Farm Bill. This is the best labor bill we'll see this year. **If you need labor**, seriously consider voicing your support for AgJobs now.
- **Free testing for [Phytophthora Root Rot](#):** Available for Washington raspberry growers through a project funded by the Washington Red Raspberry Commission and Whatcom County IPM. Samples are collected by WSU Whatcom County Personnel in Whatcom County and by Peerbolt Crop Management in the south. Contact Colleen Burrows (cburrows@wsu.edu) for more information.

Chemical Control Update

- **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

(Click on blue, underlined pest name to link to further scouting information, photos, and control options)

- [Voles:](#) All crops

Insects

- [Strawberry Crown Moth](#), **strawberries:** Infested strawberry plants either completely collapse or are weakened and show premature reddening.
- [Strawberry Crown Moth](#), **blackberries:** In blackberries, primocanes are girdled and easily break during training. Infested fields show fewer, weaker canes.
- **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

- [Bacterial Blight](#), **blueberries:** Copper or Bordeaux mix are recommended help prevent Bacterial Blight. Optimal timing is just before fall rain 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.
- [Phytophthora Root Rot](#), **raspberries:** **Ridomil** can be applied just before heavy rains start. Gypsum applications as well as anything that improves drainage (hilling and/or subsoiling) are also beneficial for root rot control.

Cropwork

All crops

- Can take soil tests for fertility and/or nematodes.
- Maintain weed control.
- Scout for voles and treat as needed.

Caneberries

- Can cut out old floricanes now and tie up primocanes
- Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter.
- Can apply Ridomil for root rot control.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Subsoil and/or hill.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes.
- Can drench for borer control.
- Can plant cover crop between rows.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux.

Blueberries

- Scout for weevil notching on lower leaves.
- Apply copper or Bordeaux for bacterial canker.
- Scout for weevil feeding on lower suckers.
- Apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Fall plantings should get weed spray as soon as possible after planting.

Strawberries

- Scout weak areas for root weevil larvae, Strawberry Crown Moth, root disease or soil problems.
- Scout for weevil notching on leaves.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Apply fall pre emergent herbicide.