



November 15, 2007

[Event Calendar](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photos of the Week](#): Tunnel & Plasticulture Strawberry Research at the WSU Mt. Vernon Station

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#) (Recently updated with Sept. 2007 numbers)

**The Statistics Issue....**

**National Agricultural Statistics Service**: Figures are based on mailed surveys completed by growers. This is our primary source for acreage and yield per acre figures. These are for the 2006 season, the most recent available.

**Relevant NASS reports:**

- [Click here](#) for the **2006 Oregon** berry crop statistics issued 7/9/2007
- [Click here](#) for the **2006 Washington and Oregon** berry crop statistics issued 1/24/07.

**Washington State historical trends:**

- [Click here](#) for historical data on Washington blueberries from 1950-2006.
- [Click here](#) for historical data on Washington raspberries from 1942-2006.
- [Click here](#) for historical data on Washington strawberries from 1918 to 2006

**Northwest Raspberry, Blackberry and Strawberry Plant Sales**: Compiled by Dr. Pat Moore, the WSU Small Fruit plant breeder, from information voluntarily shared by the whole nurseries. Very useful in analyzing:

- Variety planting trends.
- How many new plantings are going in in a given year.
- How much fresh market plantings are going in. This is of particular interest in strawberries. It is difficult to gage how much fresh market strawberry acreage is in the ground because most of the product is sold direct to the consumer and many growers don't pay their assessments to the commission. Therefore it isn't reflected in the commission assessment figures like the processed berries are.

[Click here](#) for the plant sales report.

**2007 Crop yield statistics**: From the various commodity groups and generally based on assessments collected. Their accuracy is dependent upon the ability of the commission/council to collect their dues. They therefore never overstate the size of the actual crop and can be assumed to at least somewhat understate it.

**Notes:**

- **Strawberries and caneberries**: Data from the commissions, which is based on assessments, don't fully account for fruit grown for local fresh markets.
- **Washington raspberries**: Commission assessments only cover western Washington and don't include raspberries on the east side of the Cascades.
- **Washington and British Columbia blackberries**: These are not included in commission assessments which are only applicable to raspberries.
- **Oregon caneberries**: Organic production is exempt from commission assessments and therefore not included in the numbers.

**Washington**

- **Blueberries**: Total: 20,000,000 (18,200,000 - 2006); (NABC estimate)
  - Fresh: 5,000,000 (4,300,000 - 2006);
  - Process: 15,000,000 (13,900,000 - 2006)
- **Raspberries**: Total: 53,085,000 (56,244,000 - 2006) (Commission assessments).

- Whatcom County: 47,494,000 (49,232,000 - 2006);
  - Central Puget Sound: 1,069,000 (646,000 - 2006);
  - Southwest Washington: 3,105,000 (3,463,000 - 2006);
  - Skagit, Snohomish counties: 1,1417,000 (2,904,000 - 2006)
- Strawberries:** 13,011,000 (12,121,000 - 2006) (Commission assessments)

## Oregon

- Blueberries:** Total: 40,000,000(34,000,000 - 2006); (NABC estimate)
  - Fresh: 13,000,000(11,000,000 - 2006);
  - Process: 27,000,000(23,000,000 - 2006)
- Strawberries:** 22,300,000 (19,589,000 - 2006) (Commission assessments)
- Red Raspberries:** 4,024,000 (5,147,000 - 2006) (Commission assessments)
- Black Raspberries:** 3,583,000 (3,865,000- 2006) (Commission assessments)
- Boysenberries:** 3,789,000 (2,169,000- 2006) (Commission assessments)
- Blackberries:** Total: 55,553,000 (37,007,000- 2006) (Commission assessments)
 

(not all late season tonnage from varieties like Chester and Evergreen has been reported).

  - Marion:** 29,006,000 (21,721,000 - 2006)
  - Silvan:** 10,496,000 (4,357,000 - 2006)
  - Evergreen:** 5,657,000 (4,528,000 - 2006)
  - Chester:** 1,616,000 (3,181,000 - 2006)
  - Kotata:** 2,148,000 (2,055,000 - 2006)
  - Other:** 6,577,000 (3,430,000—2006)

## British Columbia

- Blueberries:** Total: 62,000,000 (62,000,000 - 2006); (NABC estimate)
  - Fresh: 19,000,000 (28,000,000 - 2006);
  - Process: 43,000,000 (34,000,000 - 2006);
- Raspberries:** 17,500,000 (est.) (18,500,000-2006)
- Strawberries:**5,000,000 (est.).

## Industry News

- Federal Government's Food Safety Plan:** [Click here](#) for a *New York Times* article on the president's plan to respond to food safety issues.
- Farm Bill News:** [click here](#) for an article from the *Fresno Bee* entitled, "\$286 billion farm bill languishes in Senate as amendments pile up".

## Upcoming Meetings:

- November 17 ~ OSU Blueberry Pruning Workshop ~ 12:30-4:30** at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora. \$10 registration cost. [Click here for the agenda and contact information.](#)
- 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.
- December 4 & 6 ~ Washington Red Raspberry Commission ~** Call (360-354-8767) or [email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information.
  - December 4 ~ Commission research reports ~** 12:00-5 PM, Rotary Building, Northwest Washington Fair Grounds, Lynden WA.
  - December 4 ~ Commission Annual meeting ~** 6 PM, Rotary Building, Lynden WA.
  - December 6 ~ Commission & research meeting ~** 8AM - noon , 19th St. Fire Hall, Lynden, WA.
- December 5 ~ WSU Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop ~** 7 am - 3:30 pm, Rotary Building, Northwest Washington Fair Grounds, Lynden WA. For information, contact [Colleen Burrows](#), WSU Whatcom County Extension, 360-676-6736.
- December 6 ~ Washington Strawberry Commission ~** Chicona Room WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center. For more information contact [Walter Swenson](#), Mgr., WA Strawberry Commission, 360-352-1236
- December 12 ~ Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Annual Growers Meeting ~** Wellspring Medical Center, Woodburn, OR. Call the Commission office for more information 541-758-40443 or [email them](#).