



**November 7, 2007**

[Event Calendar](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photos of the Week](#): Maintain your weed control.

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

**Washington Blueberry Commission Request for Proposals:** [Click here for the RFP form](#). The deadline for submitting proposals is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Input needed for the North Willamette Hort Society Program:** Berry growers and/or industry fieldmen are invited to give input concerning topics for the program. Call or email [Diane Kaufman](#), 503-678-1264 x 123. This year there will be a day's program devoted to organic production in addition to the usual vegetable and berry days. Go to the [event calendar](#) for the dates.

**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](#).

### **Additional Upcoming Meetings:**

- **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](mailto:ncstrawberry@mindspring.com), call 919-542-3687, or visit [www.ncstrawberry.com](http://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 Nov. 29, committee meeting morning of Nov. 30. For more information contact the office 541-758-4043 or email [Philip Gutt](#), Program Coordinator.
- **Washington Red Raspberry Commission:** Call (360-354-8767) or [email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information. (draft schedule)
  - **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: 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 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](#).

### **Industry News**

- **Farm Bill/ "AgJobs" Information:** [Click here](#) for a *Fresno Bee* article on the potential of adding the AgJobs plan to the Farm Bill. Senator Feinstein's support is critical having any chance of it's inclusion/passage.
- **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.
- **Washington State Cranberry Crop:** [Click here](#) for a *Seattle Times* article on this year's cranberry crop.

- **Chinese Pass New Food Safety Law:** [Click here](#) for an article on the latest efforts of the Chinese government to address their food safety problems.

## **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.

### **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.