



February 14, 2007

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the Week](#): Leafroller feeding in blueberry bud. Taken 1/9/-7

[Pesticide Guide for Oregon and Washington Small Fruits](#).(Revised 1/30/07)

We've certainly had no shortage of chilling this winter. We're now in a window of time when many plants are most vulnerable to cold damage. Dormancy has been broken and buds are swelling in caneberries and blueberries but there is still a chance of very cold temperatures. Strawberry crowns are also starting to show new growth.

The Washington Blueberry Commission is soliciting proposals for a Business Manager: The selected contractor will handle all the administrative functions of the commission. For further information, go to the commission web site at <http://www.wablueberrycomm.org/>.

Web link of the Week: [National Berry Report](#) This is a free daily report now compiled by the California Strawberry Commission from USDA data. It tracks the shipping numbers and prices of fresh blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and strawberries coming into U.S. market terminals. Take a look at the amount of fresh **blackberries** coming from Mexico, fresh market **raspberries** from Mexico and Chile and **blueberries** coming in from Chile and Argentina.

Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop: February 28, 9-3:30, North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. [Click here for the agenda](#). RSVP by **February 21** by [email](#) or call Peerbolt Crop Management at 503-289-7287.

Chemical Control Update:

- 1) Strawberries, herbicides:** As in the past few years, we have an emergency Section 18 label for the use of **Spartan** (sulfentrazone) in strawberries for the pre-emergent weed control that expires on February 28th. Get it on before then.
- 2) Strawberries, herbicides:** We've also got a new full label pre-emergent herbicide for strawberries, **Chateau** (flumioxazin).

New Pest Information

Insects

- 1) Leafroller larvae:** **blueberries**, I've been finding some overwintering leafroller larvae feeding on buds in blueberries. Scout for buds held tightly together with webbing.
- 2) Scale:** **blueberries**, A dormant oil or **Esteem** ([Pyriproxyfen](#)) can be used while blueberries are dormant.

Ongoing Pest Information

Diseases

Pseudomonas (Bacterial Blight) **blueberries:** Water-soaked lesions are appearing on canes in some fields that then develop into a **reddish brown to black cankers**. Cankers may extend from a fraction of an inch to the entire length of 1-year-old wood. Buds in cankers die. If girdled, the cane portion above the canker dies.

Cropwork:

All Crops: 1) Can still apply lime/dolomite to raise soil pH. 2) Can apply pre-emergent herbicides.

All Caneberries: 1) Put out [mouse/vole](#) bait as needed. 2) Finish canework. 3) Weed control. 3) Scout for bud damage/feeding and determine cause.

Blueberries: 1) Can apply copper for pseudomonas control. 2) Put out [mouse/vole](#) bait as needed. 3) Finish pruning. 4) Dormant oil or Esteem can be applied for scale and winter moth egg control. 5) Scout for bud damage and determine cause. 6) Begin scouting for mummyberries.

Strawberries: Weed control.

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

Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission

February 14— Meeting and budget meeting ~ 11:30, Denny's restaurant, 30175 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville.
For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

Lower Mainland Horticultural Society Annual Horticulture Growers Short Course

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

Oregon Strawberry Commission

February 21—Research reports/ annual member meeting ~ North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office

Whatcom Farmers Coop

February 22—Educational meeting for berry and seed potato growers ~ 8-12, Homestead Farms Resort, Lynden, WA, 4 recertification credits offered, RSVP 354-2418.

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North American Blueberry Council/US Highbush Blueberry Council

February 28 - March 3—Orlando, FL. [Click here](#) for meeting and registration information.

ISH Biocontrol Seminar & Workshop

March 1-2 —Institute for Sustainable Horticulture, Kwantlen University College, Langley Campus, B.C.
Nematodes and Their Use in Biocontrol - Workshop 3/1, Seminar 3/2. This is session two of a four-part biocontrol series. For more information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

Washington Red Raspberry Commission meeting

March 14 —2 PM, WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Unit, 1919 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA. Call 360-354-8767 for more information.

Oregon Blueberry Commission

March 19 —10 am. LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. For more information call the commission office at 503-364-2944.

Oregon State Blueberry Growers' Course

March 19-20—Corvallis, OR. [Click here](#) for complete information and online registration. The deadline for early registration is March 1