

# Small Fruit Update



**January 16, 2008**

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the Week](#): Suspected pseudomonas: This symptom now being seen in some Oregon and SW Washington blueberries. The same time as we saw it last year.

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

## Industry News

**Blueberry Industry Changes:** [Click here for a press release](#) entitled: "Leading Producers Form Naturipe Foods LLC to Market Value-Added Berries"

## New pest Information

- **[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.  
**Recommended management:** The lesions now being seen are the effects of past infections. To prevent future lesions from forming, copper sprays are recommended starting when the temperatures get warmer, usually around **mid-February** in the Willamette Valley and SW Washington (Click on the photo of the week above for recent photos). **Good coverage** is essential with copper.
- **[Voles](#):** There are signs of a lot of vole activity area blueberry and caneberry fields. [Click here](#) for some background and biology information on voles (or meadow mice). [Click here](#) for information on how to construct bait stations.

## Upcoming Meetings:

(Meetings added since last Update highlighted in **red date**)

**January 23**— **Washington Blueberry Commission Annual meeting** ~ 10:30 am - 3 pm, WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, 7612 Pioneer Way E., Puyallup, WA. Contact the commission office for more information at 509-266-4305. [Click here](#) to email the commission office.

**January 26**—**OSU Blueberry Pruning Seminar** ~ 9:30-12, Corvallis, [Click here](#) for more information.

**January 29-31**—**Northwest Ag Show** ~ Expo Center, Portland, [Click here](#) and then click on the 'Ag show' link for information.

**January 30**—**Blueberry Seminar Day at the Oregon Hort Society annual meeting**~ 8:25-1:00, Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach, Portland, [Click here](#) and then click on the '*OHS Annual Notice (with seminar schedules)*' link for detailed agenda information.

**February 6**—**Oregon Strawberry Commission**, noon, Roth's IGA West. Salem. For information call the commission office at 541-758-4043.

**February 13**—**Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** ~ 11 AM, Langdon Farms, Aurora. For information call the commission office at 541-758-4043.

**February 13**—**Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ 1 PM, Firehouse, Lynden. For information call the commission office at 360-354-8767.

**February 13**—**Whatcom Farmers Coop** ~ Lynden, WA, Berry workshop for their customers. To RSVP, call 354-2418

**February 14-16 —Horticulture Grower's Short Course & Pacific Agriculture Show** ~ Abbotsford, BC. [See the website](#) for program information and registration or contact Mark Sweeney 604-556-3056.

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**February 16 —Good Agricultural Practices Workshop for the Blueberry Industry** ~ LaSells Steward Center, OSU, Corvallis. Call the Oregon Blueberry Commission for more information 503-364-2944.

**February 20 —Oregon Strawberry Commission Annual Growers meeting with Research Reports** ~ Time & agenda TBA, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora. Call the commission office for more information 541-758-4044.

**February 27— Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop** ~ 9-3:30, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, call Peerbolt Crop Management at 503-289-7287 for more information