



November 5, 2008

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

[Upcoming Meetings](#) (a calendar of small fruit related events)

[The Weather Cafe](#) by Rufus La Lone

OSU Berry grower workshops for assessing the economic cost/benefits of using new on-farm technology

tools: [Click here](#) for details.

- This is a chance to learn how to use a very effective computer program designed specifically for projecting the long term cost/benefits of investing in new equipment/practices.
- One day workshop on Wednesday, 11/19 starting at 10 AM.
- Two day workshops also scheduled (Click on link above for dates).
- **Location:** North Willamette Res. & Ext. Station in Aurora. **Cost:** \$30 per person. Call Jim Julian 503-678-1264 Ext 117 with questions.

Upcoming meetings:

- **November 6—B.C. Blueberry Council workshop: "Pruning for Profit"**~ Hosted by MSB Farm: 5331 Riverside Road, Abbotsford, BC, 1-3 pm. Pruning & equipment demonstration, fall crop update and discussion on disease management. Contact [Sonja Ring](#) for more information. (604) 613 2133 for information.
- **November 11 —Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting**~ 12 pm. West Salem Roth's IGA Doaks Ferry Meeting Room- Salem, OR. For more information: 503-370-3790.
- **December 3, 4 & 5—NW Center for Small Fruits Research annual conference**~ Corvallis, OR. [Click here](#) for a detailed schedule.
- **December 8 & 9 —The North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conference** in association with the Great Lakes Fruit & Vegetable Expo.~ Grand Rapids, Michigan. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **December 11 —The Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Annual Grower meeting** ~ Woodlands Conference and Event Center Wellspring Medical Center, 1475 Mt. Hood Ave, Woodburn, OR. Call the ORBC office 541-758-4043 or email [Philip Gütt](#) for more information.
- **December 15-17 —New Production Tools Workshop with Washington Red Raspberry Commission annual meeting** ~Lynden, WA. [Email](#) or call Henry Bierlink for more information 360-354-8767.
 - **Day 1** Innovation presentations 10 am -3 pm; Simultaneous presentations by researchers to WRRRC and Washington Blueberry Commission 4-5:30 pm (tentative); WRRRC Research Committee meeting/ dinner 6 pm (tentative).
 - **Day 2** WSU Small Fruit Workshop 7 am -3:30 pm; WRRRC and /or Washington Blueberry Commission special presentations: 4-5 pm (tentative).
 - **Day 3** WRRRC Promotion committee meeting 7:30 am - 9:30am; WRRRC board meeting 10 am.
- **December 16 — Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm. West Salem Roth's. For more information:541-758-4043.
- **January 6, 2009 — Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ 9:30 am. LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. Committee meetings, commission meeting and Blueberry Research Roundup inviting all growers. For more information: 503-364-2944.
- **January 13-15, 2009 —North Willamette Valley Horticulture Society Annual Meeting** ~ Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby.
 - **1/13** Organic production sessions-- Information: Nick Andrews, 503-678-1264 Ext 149
 - **1/14** Vegetable sessions-- Information: Bob McReynolds, 503-678-1264 Ext 125
 - **1/15** Berry sessions-- Information: Diane Kaufman, Ext 123
- **January 19-21, 2009 —North American Strawberry Growers Association annual meeting** ~ New Orleans, LA. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **January 27, 2009 —Oregon Horticultural Society Annual Meeting and Northwest agricultural show** ~ 7:30 am. Portland Expo Center. For more information [click here](#) or call 503-371-7457.

- **February 19, 2009 —Oregon Strawberry Commission annual meeting** ~ North Willamette Research and Extension Center. Aurora, OR. Call 541-758-4043 or email [Philip Gütt](mailto:Philip.Gütt) for more information.

Industry News

- **Chilean blueberries expected to make recovery:** [Click here](#) for the article on ThePacker.com.(10/22).
- **Oregon schools embrace local produce programs:** [Click here](#) for the article on ThePacker.com.(10/22).
- **Specialty crops get short shrift when it comes to weed control:** [Click here](#) for the article on *The Fruit Grower News* (Oct. Issue)
- **American Blueberry opening operation in Oklahoma:** [Click here](#) for another article on ThePacker.com (10/28).

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 weed problem 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.

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.