



**February 25, 2008**

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the Week](#): Sprouting mummyberries. New infections can occur when these mummies are sprouting, blueberries are at or beyond green tip stage and environmental conditions are right.

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

### **Information on Upcoming Meetings**

**Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Growers Workshop: Wednesday, February 27 ~ 9:00 am -3:30 pm**, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora. This year's theme: "To Plant or Not to Plant...Caneberry Field Management in the Near Future" [Click here](#) for the agenda. 2 pesticide credits. Call Peerbolt Crop Management at 503-289-7287 for more information.

**Disease Alert: Mummyberry: Blueberries. Plan now for control.** I've recovered sprouting mummyberries in a field in Southwest Washington this week. Fields are also getting close to green tip stage (vegetative buds are showing green color) when infections can take place. Dry weather aids in limiting infections but if you have fields with a history of mummyberry it is very critical to stay on top of control measures as we enter this early stage of disease development.

**So, what is "green tip stage"?** [Click here](#) for a pictorial guide put together by Michigan State University of the various stages of **blueberry growth development**. This is also critical in understanding the crop's cold susceptibility.

### **Industry News**

**Berry Nutraceutical Research Reports from the 2007 Berry Health Symposium:** [Click here](#) for 14 in-depth reports from last year's symposium.

### **On-going Pest Information**

- **Scale blueberries:** A dormant oil or **Esteem (Pyriproxyfen)** can be used while blueberries are dormant.
- **Pseudomonas (Bacterial Blight) blueberries:** Water-soaked lesions are appearing on canes in some fields that then develop into reddish brown to black cankers.
- **Voles:** Zinc phosphide baits can be applied only until budbreak in blueberries and caneberries and are not labeled for strawberries. Be very careful about storing and/or transporting bags in the back of pickups so that domestic animals (including cattle and horses) can't get to the pellets and eat them.
- **Leafroller larvae blueberries:** This is a minor pest at this time of year but has on occasion been reported to cause economic damage. Scout for buds held tightly together with webbing.

### **Cropwork**

#### **Blueberries and caneberries**

- Scout for voles and treat as needed.

#### **Blueberries**

- Can apply copper or Bordeaux.
- Finish pruning - apply Bordeaux after pruning.
- Scout for bud damage & determine cause.
- Dormant oil can be applied for scale and winter moth egg control.
- Can apply Casoron (dichlobenil) for weed control. Especially good on quackgrass.

#### **Blackberries**

- Don't begin training down Marionberries until after threat of damaging cold weather is passed.
- Can apply pre emergent herbicides.
- Can apply Casoron (dichlobenil) for weed control. Especially good on quackgrass.

#### **Evergreen Blackberries**

- Dormant spray of lime/sulfur or elemental sulfur for Redberry mites.

## Raspberries

- Can apply pre-emergent herbicides.
- Can apply Casoron (dichlobenil) for weed control. Especially good on quackgrass.

## Strawberries

- Can apply pre-emergent herbicides. One choice--Spartan (sulfentrazone) **until February 29**. It's off label after that date.

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- **February 27 - March 1 — NABC/USHBC meetings** ~ Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. For more information go to the web site <http://www.blueberry.org/calendar.htm#Meetings>.
- **March 3—Lynden Farmer to Farmer meeting regarding blueberry bird control** ~ 7:00-8:30 pm, Lynden Library, Creative Scarecrows is hosting and invites local blueberry farmers to see some noiseless bird scaring solutions. [Click here for the press release](#). For information contact Mary Starz 360-366-0348 or [email](#) .
- **March 10-12—Food Product Development Short Course**~ Food Innovation Center, Portland, organized by the OSU Dept. of Food Science & Technology. [Click here for information](#).
- **March 13 —Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ 6 pm. Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, OR. [Email](#) or call the commission office for more information 541-758-4043.
- **March 18 —Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ Budget Preparation - noon, West Salem Roth's IGA in Salem, OR. Doaks Ferry Room at noon. Call the Commission office for more information 503-364-2944.
- **April 8 —Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting** ~ 6 pm. Roths West, Salem, OR. [Email](#) or call the commission office for more information 541-758-4043.
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