

Small Fruit Update



Providing Northwest berry growers with the information they need when they need it.

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Upcoming Events with Grower Information Sessions

Full schedule of events is below

- **November 19 — Oregon Strawberry Commission workshop “[Fresh market strawberries: What it takes to be successful.](#)”**
Admittance is free. Woodburn, OR. Contact Lora Liegel (503-289-7287) or [email](#) for more info.
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Disseminating information for:
Washington

[Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#)
[Washington Blueberry Commission](#)
[Washington Strawberry Commission](#)

Oregon

[Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Blueberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Strawberry Commission](#)

British Columbia

[Fraser Valley Strawberry Growers Association](#)
[Raspberry Industry Development Council](#)
[B.C. Blueberry Council](#)

National

[North American Blueberry Council](#)

Regional Grower Reports

Northern Washington, Whatcom County (Saturday, 11/1)

Things are pretty well put to bed. 150% of normal rain for Oct has made field work very difficult for now. Raspberries getting tied. Strawberries put to bed, and all but the last copper sprays on blueberries. Time to prepare for the winter meeting blitz. Please forward any updates and meeting notes to the South Pacific.



Commission Requests for Research Proposals

- **Washington Red Raspberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#)
November 17 is the deadline for proposal submissions.
- **Washington Blueberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#) *December 1 is the deadline for proposal submissions. The WBC has revised some of their protocols for proposals so review the attached document carefully before submitting.*
- **Oregon Strawberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#)
January 5 is the deadline for proposal submissions as well for progress reports.
- **Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** [Request for Proposals & Research Priority List](#)
January 5 is the deadline for proposal submissions. November 21 is the deadline for progress reports.

Potential new Pest in Blackberries



Rose Stem Girdler in Blackberry—9/17/14 Willamette Valley

Rose Stem Girdler *There were sporadic reports of a borer showing up in blackberries this past year. The above photos were taken of the Columbia Star blackberry in my home garden that had at least three canes killed by this insect. Jenny Glass at the [WSU Puyallup Plant and Insect Diagnostic Lab](#) also reports receiving specimens from blackberry plantings.*

Pest Management

- **New OSU Extension Publication:** [A Detailed Guide for Testing Fruit for the Presence of Spotted Wing Drosophila \(SWD\) Larvae](#) (9 page pdf) *Authors: Amy Dreves, Adam Cave & Jana Lee*
- [Researchers isolate wine and vinegar chemicals which best lure spotted wing drosophila](#) (10/21, Horticulture Week)

- [Hard work continues against California invasive species](#) (10/26, Western Farm Press)
- [Manage black root rot of strawberry](#) (10/30, Growing Produce)
- [Can entomopathogenic fungus, *Beauveria bassiana*, be used for pest management when fungicides are used for disease management?](#) (10/23, UC Davis Strawberries and Vegetables eNewsletter)

Industry news/resources

Newsletters/ berry reports

- [Southeast's Small Fruit News for October](#) *berry news and research from the SE U.S. (16 page pdf)*
- [Whatcom Ag Monthly](#) *Produced by WSU Whatcom County Extension. Includes excellent berry crop information.*
- [National Berry Report](#) *Daily fresh market berry reports. Hosted by the California Strawberry Commission, this report is generated from data from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and is updated daily.*
- [The Source](#) (10/29) *marketing news from The Produce News.*
- [Weekly Market Report](#) (11/3) *from General Produce Company*

Magazine/website compilations

- **The Packer:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).
Recent stories and fresh market pricing for the various berries from The Packer.
- **Growing Produce:** [recent berry articles](#).
- **Fresh Fruit Portal:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).
Recent stories for the various berries from Fresh Fruit Portal.

Northwest Berry Commission News

- [Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship Program open for applications](#) *Deadline is January 31st. "Applicants must be involved in some aspect of agriculture and must declare agriculture or horticulture as their major, field of interest or intended future vocation."*
- [Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission News](#) *Fall Edition.*

Berry research blogs

- [Strawberries and Caneberries](#) by Mark Bolda, UC Davis Berry Extension Agent. **Recent entry (10/24): 240 posts and one million site visits** *Reports on recent insect and disease research and observations in California.*
- [Team Rubus](#) by Gina Fernandez, North Carolina State Small Fruit Specialist. **Recent entry (10/8): Fall caneberry checklist/chores 2014** *Reports on issues in blackberries and raspberries from the Southeast.*

Weather

- [NOAA's winter weather outlook runs hot and cold](#) (10/27, Growing Produce)

Labor

- Washington: [Judge orders Sakuma to let guests visit workers](#) (10/28, Capital Press)
- Washington: [More than 400 farmworkers file for back pay from Sakuma](#) (11/4, Capital Press)

Research/Breeding

- [USDA grant help researchers study elderberries](#) (10/28, Fresh Plaza)
- [Big bucks given to grow better fruit crops](#) (10/27, Growing Produce)

Pollination

- California: [Almond Board rolls out honey bee best management practices](#) (10/6, Western Farm Press)
- Oregon: [Pollinator task force backs pesticide reporting system](#) (10/28, Capital Press)
- [Mason bee touted as better pollinizer](#) (10/31, Capital Press)
- [Diet affects pesticide resistance in honey bees](#) (11/3, The Global Fruit)
- Canada: (Opinion) [News bulletin: No shortage of beehives to pollinate our crops](#) (November, The Grower)

Intellectual Property

- [UC Davis fires back in strawberry controversy, sues Strawberry Commission](#) (10/31, Sacramento Bee)

Products/Industry

- [Naturipe pushes 1-pound pack as standard](#) (10/23, The Packer)

Nutrition Research

- [New study reinforces the nutritional benefits of frozen fruits & Vegetables](#) (10/28, Digital Journal)

Technology

- Washington: [Rainier Fruit's productivity to rise with new automated facility](#) (10/28, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- Washington: [WSU seeks federal approval for UAV ag research](#) (10/31, Capital Press)

- [AgEagle introduces new UAV operations management system](#) (10/27, Ag Professional)
- [PrecisionHawk Creating UAV Buzz](#) (10/8, Precision Ag)
- [New GPS satellite set for launch](#) (10/28, Precision Ag)
- [Getting started in Precision agriculture](#) (11/3, Precision Ag)

The West

- [Oregon growers now allowed to ship frozen berries to China](#) (10/29, Fresh Plaza)

International

- Chile: [Chilean Blueberry Committee crop report for week 44 \(10/27-11/2\)](#)
- Chile: [Early Chilean blueberry start doesn't mean early finish, says Giumarra](#) (11/4, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- Chile: [Chile looking forward to better year for fruit exports](#) (10/30, The Produce News)
- Argentina: [Blueberry producers bet on the U.S.](#) (10/28, Fresh Plaza)
- Peru: [Raspberries and blueberries to rule Cajamarca](#) (10/27, Fresh Plaza)



Event calendar

- **November 5 — Oregon Strawberry Commission** ~ 12 pm, McMenamins Restaurant, McMinnville. [Go here](#) for the Agenda & contact information.
- **November 11 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ 12 pm, at Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210. Contact Bryan Ostlund for more information at 503-364-2944 or [by email](#).
- **November 16 — 19 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting** at the Oregon Convention Center, downtown Portland.
- **November 17-18 — National Processed Raspberry Council** ~ Seattle Airport Marriott, Seattle, WA. For more information, contact Tom Krugman, 360-354-0948.
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- **December 3 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ Annual Meeting in Lynden in the evening. [Contact Henry Bierlink](#) for more information.
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- **January 6 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ Research updates 7:30-11:30am; Committee meetings 11:30am-12:30pm; Regular Commission meeting 12:30pm. At Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210. Contact Bryan Ostlund for more information at 503-364-2944 or [by email](#).
- **January 12 & 13 — 74rd Annual Pacific Northwest Insect Management Conference.** ~ At the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204. Details to follow. Proceedings from the previous years can be viewed [here](#).
- **January 13 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ Call 541-758-4043 or [email Phillip Gutt](#) for more information.
- **January 15 — North Willamette Horticulture Society Berry Day** ~ Clackamas County Event Center, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013. For the event webpage, registration, and more information, [go here](#).
- **January 27— Oregon Blueberry Conference** ~ 8 am - 8 pm (tentative), Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach, Portland. For those interested in sponsorships, contact the Commission office: Oregon Blueberry Commission 503.364.2944 or [email](#). Agenda and online registration will be forthcoming.
- **January 29-31 — Horticulture Growers Short Course at the Pacific Agriculture Show,** Tradex, Abbotsford, BC. For further information go to <http://www.agricultureshow.net/>. Program and on-line registration to come
- **March 16-17— OSU Blueberry School** ~ The course will be focused on blueberry production on the east and west sides and target PNW issues. More info to follow.

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