

Small Fruit Update



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

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Commission Request for Research Proposals

Washington Red Raspberry Commission

[Go here](#) for the Request for Proposals & Research Priority List

- **November 4 - Pre-Proposal Discussion Roundtable**
This is for the research committee and raspberry growers to be able to discuss ideas with researchers intending to respond to the RFP. Meeting to be held in Lynden from 10 to 4. RSVP to henry@red-raspberry.org
- **December 15 - Deadline for Final Reports for 2015 projects.**
- **December 15 - Deadline for submission to WRRC for 2016 proposals. (If you send your proposals through WSU, check with them on the deadline.)**
- **January 6 - Research and Board meeting to evaluate 2016 proposals and determine needed follow-up questions.**
- **January 20 - Board approves final 2016 research projects and budget.**

Disseminating information for:

Washington

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

Oregon

[Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Blueberry Commission](#)
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British Columbia

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

National

[North American Blueberry Council](#)



Industry news/resources

Newsletters/ berry reports

- [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.
- [Market Report from General Produce for Week 36](#) (9/7)
- [USDA Market News \(Fruits & Vegetables\)](#)
- [Oregon Strawberry Commission Fresh Market Bulletin](#) (9/3)

Magazine/website compilations

- **The Packer:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).
- **Growing Produce:** [recent berry articles](#).
- **Andnowyouknow.com:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).
- **Fruitnet-Eurofruit:** [recent berry articles](#).
- **Fresh Fruit Portal:** [blueberries](#), [blackberries](#), [raspberries](#), [strawberries](#).

Berry research blogs

- [Strawberries and Caneberries](#) by Mark Bolda, UC Davis Berry Extension Agent. **Recent Entry: (9/24) A note on employment trends in industries other than berry agriculture.** Reports on recent insect and disease research and observations in California.
- [Team Rubus](#) by Gina Fernandez, North Carolina State Small Fruit Specialist. **Recent Entry: (9/29) Lots and lots of rain! Caneberries beware!** Reports on issues in blackberries and raspberries from the Southeast.

Industry

- [Berry Fresh gears up for a hot South American berry season](#) (9/14, andnowyouknow.com)

Research

- [Florida study targets blueberry flavor](#) (9/18, The Packer)

Regulatory Agencies

- [Oregon official explains defense of Clean Water Act rules](#) (9/29, Capital Press)
- Washington: [EPA settlement to cost farmer's estate \\$210,000](#) (9/17, Capital Press)

Technology

- [New plant-stress sensor further aids irrigation efficiency](#) (9/25, Capital Press)

North America

- [U.S. blueberry prices stay strong despite Peruvian volume surge](#) (9/28, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- [Berry health symposium set for October](#) (9/24, The Packer)

Imports

- [First Peruvian blueberries to Canada](#) (9/28, Fresh Plaza)
- [Port Tampa Bay green-lighted for South American fruit](#) (9/22, The Packer)
- [Berry Fresh imports grow](#) (9/14, The Packer)

International

- China: [Chinese JoyVio imports first Chilean blueberries of the season](#) (9/25, Fresh Plaza)
- China/Mexico: [Chinese ag minister visits Mexican berry and avocado farms](#) (9/29, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- Argentina: [Climate change ups cost of blueberry production](#) (9/28, Fresh Plaza)
- [Chilean earthquake spares fruit](#) (9/17, The Packer)
- South Africa: [New plantings drive South African blueberry growth](#) (9/24, Fresh Fruit Portal)



Ruddy Duck on Farm Pond

Photo by Tom Peerbolt

Events [Go here for Full Event Calendar](#)

Regional Commission/Council meeting schedules

I'll update the commission/council meeting schedules, agendas and locations as the information becomes available. You can also contact the individual commission/council office for further information. Their website links are in the sponsor box at the top of this newsletter.

- **October 21 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** ~ Hayden's Grill, Tualatin. [Go here](#) of the meeting agenda. Contact: berries@oregon-berries.com
- **October 28 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ Lynden, WA. Contact: henry@red-raspberry.org
- **November 10 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ noon at the Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210, Salem. Contact: jenny@ostlund.com
- **December 2—Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ at the [Washington Small Fruit Conference](#), Lynden, WA. Contact: henry@red-raspberry.org.
- **December 16 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Annual meeting** ~ Wellspring Medical Center, Woodburn. Details TBA Contact: berries@oregon-berries.com
- **January 12 — Oregon Blueberry Commission** ~ noon at the Chemeketa Events at Winema, Building 48, Room 210, Salem. Contact: jenny@ostlund.com (research updates 7:30-11:30 am; committee mtngs 11:30am-12:30pm; Commission mtng 12:30pm)

Regional Berry Events

- **December 1 — Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Conference** ~ at the Monarch Hotel, Portland. Details TBA. Contact: berries@oregon-berries.com

- **December 2-4 — Washington Small Fruit Conference** ~ at the NW Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA. [Go here](#) for more information and to register.
- **January 25 — Oregon Blueberry Conference** ~ at the Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland. Email Contact: jenny@ostlund.com
- **March 2 — 10th Annual Production Workshop for Commercial Raspberry & Blackberry Growers** ~ Wellspring Conference Center, 1475 Mt. Hood Ave., Woodburn. Details TBA.

National & International Berry Events

- **October 7-9 — [North American Blueberry Council](#) & [US Highbush Blueberry Council](#) Fall Meetings** ~ Las Vegas, Nevada. [Go here](#) for to register
- **October 13-15 — 6th Biennial Berry Health Benefits Symposium** ~ Madison, Wisconsin. [Go here](#) for all the details.
- **November 2-3 — National Processed Raspberry Council** ~ Seattle Airport Marriott. Contact Tom Krugman, 360-354-0948, tkrugman@redrazz.org.
- **March 2-4 — 2016 North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conference** ~ Williamsburg, Virginia. [Go here](#) for all the details.

Fall crop work/pest management activities

It looks like an early fall. Keep these tasks in mind. Timing will depend on weather and plant stage.

All crops

- Weed management.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Scout for [vole damage](#).

Blueberries post harvest

- Can apply copper or Bordeaux for [bacterial canker](#).
- Prune out canker-killed branches and remove them from the field.
- Scout for weevils and weevil notching.

Caneberries post harvest

- Can cut out old floricanes now and tie up primocanes.
- Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter.
- Can apply Ridomil for [root rot](#) control.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes.
- Can drench for [borer](#) control.

Strawberries post harvest

- Can apply fertilizer.
 - Scout weak areas for [root weevil larvae](#), [strawberry crown moth](#), root disease or soil problems.
 - Can apply drench for [weevil larvae](#) management.
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Archived Small Fruit Updates

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