

Small Fruit Update



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

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National Spotted Wing Drosophila Research Projects:

- North Carolina: [NC State wins \\$6.7 million grant to curb spotted wing Drosophila](#) (10/12, Ag Professional)
- Georgia: [UGA to use \\$2 million grant to develop control for blueberry-destroying SWD](#) (10/15, UGA Today)

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Disseminating information for:

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Farm road quail

Photo by Jason Myer

Upcoming Washington Berry Industry Research Sessions

As one of the SFU regional contributors emailed me when asked for regional news this week: "Meetings, meetings, meetings..." Not a forecast any of us would look forward to.

But if you pick the right ones to attend they can be very useful, impacting your bottom line and improving your operation. Also good to see old friends, make new ones and give some of the researchers your much needed 'guidance'. Don't want them losing their way.

For Washington growers, here are a couple sessions coming up soon that would be worth your time:

- **November 3 - Washington Blueberry Industry Research Review** ~ Starts at 9, [WSU Research & Extension Center](#), Mt. Vernon. **Information:** aschreib@centurytel.net/509-266-4300. *Pesticide Recertification Credits. "Covering all research funded by the Washington Blueberry Commission. A lot of relevant, useful information. All growers, their staff and members of the allied industry are encouraged to attend." Lunch provided.*
- **November 4 – Washington Raspberry Industry Research Squaretable** ~ 10-4, Homestead Farms, 106 Homestead Blvd, Lynden. **RSVP to** info@red-raspberry.org/360-354-8767 **Go here** for the flyer. *"This is your opportunity to reflect on the 2016 research priorities established by the WA. Red Raspberry Commission and work towards connecting growers and researchers in the most effective projects possible. Raspberry growers and key employees are strongly encouraged to attend."*

Regional reports

British Columbia, Fraser Valley (Monday, 10/12)

From [Tom Baumann](#), Director of the Pacific Berry Resource Centre & UFV's Ag Dept. Coordinator:

- Nothing much anymore. Cranberries being harvested and since it is the Canadian Thanksgiving, being consumed in large amounts. Still incredibly warm, mixed bag of rain and sun, not too wet yet, blustery, leaves are falling everywhere, blueberries turning their best colour of the year, I can finally tell the difference between the varieties without looking closely. Dayneutral strawberries still being harvested and sold for decent prices. Ditto for protected culture of primocane raspberries. Fall work in full swing, irrigation systems in need of getting shut down shortly in preparation for frosts. Maintenance work going on as well as booking of tropical vacations. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Western Washington, Skagit County (Tuesday 10/13)

From [Tom Walters](#), Walters Ag Research, Anacortes, WA.

- Lots of raspberries already pruned and tied, people seem to be taking advantage of the great fall weather.



Photo by Tom Peerbolt

NW Berry Commission Requests for Research Proposals

- **Washington Red Raspberry Commission**
 - [Go here](#) for the Request for Proposals & Research Priority List
 - **December 15** - *Deadline for Final Reports for 2015 projects & for submission to WRRC for 2016 proposals. (If you send your proposals through WSU, check with them on the deadline.)*
- **Washington Blueberry Commission**
 - [Go here](#) for the Request for Proposals & Research Priority List
 - **December 1** - *Deadline for submission to WBC for 2016 proposals.*

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 41](#) (10/12)
- [USDA Market News \(Fruits & Vegetables\)](#)

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: (10/13) Is Anthracnose a Concern on Strawberry in Fall 2015?** 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.

Climate/water

- California: [Chances growing for wet winter in Northern California](#) (10/9, Capital Press)

Labor

- [Labor department sets wage rule for H-2A ag workers](#) (10/14, Politico)

Markets

- [Strawberry prices hold steady, blueberries higher](#) (10/12, The Packer)

Pollinators/Pesticides

- [Honey bee queen highly vulnerable to two neonicotinoid insecticides](#) (10/14, Ag Professional)
- [Study finds glyphosate, acetamiprid have relatively low toxicity for bees](#) (10/14, Ag Professional)

West

- Oregon: [Hood River blueberry outfit nabs \\$100K-plus loan from Whole Foods](#) (10/8, Portland Biz Journal)

U.S. Imports/Trade

- Peru: [Peruvian blueberries arrive in UK via seafreight](#) (10/7, Fresh Plaza)
- Chile: [Chilean imports expected to be up](#) (10/6, The Packer)
- [Who stands to gain what through TPP tariff reductions?](#) (10/8, Fresh Fruit Portal)

International

- Europe: [Report on Driscoll's European strawberry and blackberry marketing and production](#) (10/12, Fresh Plaza)
- China: [Start of Shaanxi blueberry cultivation](#) (10/12, Fresh Plaza)
- Uruguay: [Rains affect Uruguayan blueberry harvest](#) (10/9, Fresh Fruit Plaza)
- Argentina: [Weather takes toll on Argentine blueberry volume](#) (10/8, Fresh Fruit Plaza)
- Chile: [Fresh blueberry exports to rise by up to a fifth](#) (10/5, Fresh Fruit Plaza)



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Regional Commission/Council meeting schedules

- **October 21 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission** ~ Hayden's Grill, Tualatin. [Go here](#) of the meeting agenda. Contact: berries@oregon-berries.com
- **New Posting: October 28 — Oregon Strawberry Commission** ~ Research Meeting 11, Regular meeting noon, McMenamins Restaurant - 310 NE Evans St, McMinnville. [Go here](#) for the agenda
- **October 28 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission** ~ Lynden, WA. Contact: henry@red-raspberry.org
- **November 5 — Washington Blueberry Commission** ~ 11 am at the WSDA building, 21 N. 1st Ave., Room 238, Yakima. Contact: 509-266-4300 or heather@centurytel.net.
- **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 — 11th Annual Production Workshop for Commercial Raspberry & Blackberry Growers** ~ Wellspring Conference Center, 1475 Mt. Hood Ave., Woodburn. Details TBA.

National & International Berry Events

- **November 2-3 — National Processed Raspberry Council** ~ Seattle Airport Marriott. Contact Tom Krugman, 360-354-0948, tkrugman@redraze.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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