

Small Fruit Update

Industry News Highlights

Week 40 / October 4, 2017



Above: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug nymph. Portland, OR. 10-3-17. Photo by Jason Myer.

Featured Meetings:

Oct. 4 - 5: Washington Raspberry Research Review Meeting (Oct. 4) & Washington Blueberry Research Review Meeting (Oct. 5): both events 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at WSU Mt Vernon Research & Extension Center, 16650 WA-536, Mt Vernon, WA 98273. [Go here](#) for the raspberry research review agenda. [Go here](#) for the blueberry research review agenda. Pesticide credits are expected to be provided at both meetings. Lunch is also provided. For more information on these meetings, contact [Alan Schreiber](#) at [509 266 4300](#).

Remote viewing sites available at: WSU Clark County, Heritage Farm Admin. Building, 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA 98665 **and** WSU Prosser Research and Extension Center. PLEASE RSVP if you plan on attending: justin.odea@wsu.edu or [845-943-9808](tel:845-943-9808).

For more industry meetings, view our [industry calendar](#).

Highlights

- [An overview of global blueberry production in 2016](#) (9/29, China Produce Report)
- [Oregon Potato Company makes a move into Lynden raspberries and blueberries](#) (9/21, Bellingham Journal)

Labor

- [Federal bill aims at revising H-2A guestworker program for agriculture](#) (10/3, Capital Press)
- [Will H-2A become H-2C? Find out what the new bill proposes](#) (9/27, Growing Produce)
 - Summary of H-2C program: [Go Here](#).
- Washington: [Meeting planned for farmworkers](#) (9/27, Capital Press) *WA. State attorney general will be attending meeting sponsored by unions.*

Organic

- [Hydroponic issue may see vote in organic meeting](#) (10/2, The Packer)
- Chile: [10% of blueberries are organic](#) (10/3, Fresh Plaza)

Breeding

- [Diversifying berry breeding, public to private](#) (9/26, Growing Produce)
- [New Zealand: High-colour blueberry in the works](#) (9/26, Fruitnet.com)

Technology

- [Crop stress management technology wins innovation award](#) (9/27, Ag Professional)
- [Verigo launches shelf life prediction tool](#) (10/3, The Packer)
- [North Carolina Department of Ag licenses drone for pesticide use](#) (10/2, Fruit Grower News)

Food Safety

- [Cyclosporiasis cases continue to mount: cause still undetermined](#) (10/2, The Packer)

Weather/climate

- [The probability of La Nina is 52% this quarter](#) (10/2, Fresh Plaza)

Companies

- [Driscoll's to offer blueberries in 300 gram buckets this October](#) (9/28, Fresh Plaza)

The West

- Oregon: [Olives take root in Oregon](#) (9/28, Capital Press)
- Oregon: [Changes planned for Oregon ag water quality oversight](#) (9/29, Capital Press)
- California: [Organic blackberries enjoy lengthy season in California](#) (9/29, Fresh Plaza)

Trade/International

- Chile and China: [Fruit trade potential developments discussed](#) (9/28, Fresh Fruit Portal)
- [South African blueberry expansion takes industry by surprise](#) (10/2, Fresh Plaza)
- Netherlands: [“We hope for good end to blueberry season after disappointing summer”](#) (10/2, Fresh Plaza)
- Peru: [54% growth in blueberry exports predicted](#) (9/29, Fresh Plaza)
- [China sets goals for green agriculture](#) (10/1, China Daily)
- Poland: [Difficult autumn raspberry harvest expected](#) (9/26, Fresh Plaza)

Research

- [Research: Recovering phenolic compounds from waste residues of processed blueberries](#) (9/27, nutra-ingredients.com)

Grower Resources

- Washington State: [New resource focuses on brown marmorated stink bug](#) (9/26, Fruity Grower News)

Berry research blogs

- [Strawberries and Caneberries](#) by Mark Bolda, UC Davis Berry Extension Agent. **Recent entry (9/28) New grower guidelines for Anthracnose on strawberry now available** *Reports on issues from California.*
 - [Team Rubus](#) by Gina Fernandez, North Carolina State Small Fruit Specialist. **Recent entry: (9/26) Blackberry & raspberry seasonal checklist Fall 2017** *Reports on issues in blackberries and raspberries from the Southeast*
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