

Small Fruit Update

Industry News Highlights

Week 46 | November 15, 2017



Featured Meeting:

Dec. 13 - Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Annual

Growers Meeting: 8:30 a.m., [Wellspring Conference](#)

[Center](#), 1475 Mt. Hood Avenue, Woodburn. *The*

ORBC will be providing lunch to everyone who

contacts us in advance to make a reservation. [Go here](#)

for an agenda and for RSVP info.



Highlights:

- [Global Plant Genetics signs deal to commercialize North Carolina State's newest blackberry variety, Von](#) (11/6, Fruit Grower News) [Go here](#) for more information on Von.
- [U.S. Agriculture struggling as White House, Congress fail to address critical ag issues](#) (11/9, Southwest Farm Press)
- [The Expanding H-2A Program](#) (10/16, Rural Migration News) *Includes a graph showing numbers of workers from 2005-2016.*

Pesticides/ Herbicides:

- [Large long-term farm study finds no statistically significant cancer link to glyphosate herbicide](#) (11/9, Genetic Literacy Project)
- [Viewpoint: Taxpayer-funded Canadian news agency promotes 'fake news' about glyphosate herbicide's health risks](#) (11/9, Genetic Literacy Project)

Technology:

- [Miniature robots could cut pesticide use on farms in future](#) (11/14, The Guardian)

Farms & Companies:

- [Henningsen Cold Storage to build new facility in Grandview, Washington](#) (11/10, Press Release)
- [Farm could be first in Idaho to grow large-scale blueberries](#) (11/13, Capital Press)

Labor:

- [Labor-starved ag businesses want to keep immigrant workers in U.S. legally](#) (11/14, Nebraska NPR)

SWD:

- [Fallen fruit breeds invasive flies](#) (SWD) (11/8, Fruit Grower News)
- [Review of SWD management strategies and product selection diversity](#) (11/13, MSU Extension) *Done with tart cherry producers but almost all is applicable to berry crops.*

International:

- [Chilean blueberry producers shipped about 467 tons of fresh product for week ending 11/5](#) (Chilean Crop Report)

Misc:

- [How cranberries went out of style](#) (11/14, The Atlantic)
 - [\(Nova Scotia\) Blueberry growers face price crisis](#) (11/10, The Chronicle Herald)
 - [Maine wild blueberry harvest down as industry looks for buyers](#) (11/10, SF Gate)
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