



January 16, 2007

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Reports](#)

[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the week](#) : **Suspected Pseudomonas** symptoms showing up in blueberries. Taken 1/9/2007 in SW Washington.

We'll have another spring of waiting to see what kind of **winter damage** has been done. Here are the low temperatures from a sampling of regional weather stations for the last five nights.

	Abbotsford, BC	Lynden, WA	Mt. Vernon, WA	Vancouver, WA	Forest Grove, OR	St. Paul, OR	Aurora, OR	Waldo Hills, OR	Corvallis, OR
1/11	20	20	18.1	29	28.7	28.1	29.0	29.3	28.9
1/12	17	13	14.7	17	21.0	23.2	23.4	17.6	23.7
1/13	15	13	15.0	20	21.9	21.8	20.8	18.1	21.6
1/14	13	11	12.3	16	19.8	23.1	23.2	16.8	24.1
1/15	18	16	15.6	18	18.7	19.6	20.9	17.1	20.3

St. Paul and Waldo Hills information is from the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (located in ag areas).

Abbotsford and Lynden information is from the Weather Underground.

Mt. Vernon from Washington State [PAWS](#) Station. All other numbers are from [Agrimet](#) Stations.

### **New pest Information**

**Pseudomonas (Bacterial Blight) blueberries:** Water-soaked lesions are appearing on canes in some fields that then develop into a **reddish brown to black cankers**. Cankers may extend from a fraction of an inch to the entire length of 1-year-old wood. Buds in cankers die. If girdled, the cane portion above the canker dies. **Recommended treatments** are copper sprays starting when the temperatures get warmer, usually around **mid-February** in the Willamette Valley and SW Washington (Click on the photo of the week above for recent photos). **Good coverage** is essential with copper.

**Small Fruit Update Address Change:** In a couple of weeks we'll be **changing the email address the Update is coming from**. It has been coming from [anna@peerbolt.com](mailto:anna@peerbolt.com). The new address will be [smallfruitupdate@peerbolt.com](mailto:smallfruitupdate@peerbolt.com). Some spam filters might block this change so there's a possibility you'll need to adjust your filters to allow it through.

**Website of the Week:** [Click Here](#) for the **Rufus La Lone Weather Cafe**. Our long time friend and weather guy, Rufus La Lone, has partnered with one of our Northwest IPM website sponsors, Oregon industry supply company [OVS](#), to put up his own website.

**Measuring the threat to farmland in Washington State:** "How much of our current farmland is vulnerable to future development because it has acquired a fair market value that exceeds its value for agriculture?" 75% according to this analysis. [Click Here](#)

**Some Upcoming Small Fruit Events** ([Click here](#) for a more complete calendar)

#### **Washington Blueberry Commission**

**January 23—Commission research review meeting** ~ 10 AM in the Chicona Room of the Administration Building at WSU Puyallup. Contact [Dorothy Anderson](#) for more information 360-766-6150

#### **British Columbia Blueberry Diagnostics Workshop**

**January 23—9-12**, Abbotsford Agriculture Centre, 1767 Angus Campbell Road, Abbotsford, B.C. [Click here for flyer](#). For more information or to RSVP email: [sonjaring@shaw.ca](mailto:sonjaring@shaw.ca)

#### **Washington Red Raspberry Commission**

**January 24—1-5**, 19th St. Fire Hall, Lynden, WA. Some of the agenda items: establishing a National Research and Promotion program, Implementation of marketing plan, Intellectual property and public plant breeding programs. Call (360-354-8767) or [email](mailto:email) Henry Bierlink for more information.

### **Northwest Agricultural Show**

**January 30-February 1** ~ Portland, Expo Center, The largest Ag show in the Northwest. [Click Here](#) for information. The seminar schedule is also available at this link.

### **Oregon Horticultural Society seminars**

**January 30 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission research reports and annual meeting** ~.Red Lion Inn on the River, Janzen Beach, Portland. Call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office for more information. [Click here](#) for the agenda.

**January 31 ~ Blueberry session**, Red Lion Inn on the River, Janzen Beach, Portland. [Click here](#) for the agenda.

### **Kwantlen College Biocontrol Workshop/ Seminar**

**February 1-2—Parasitoids and their use in Biocontrol** ~ Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Langley, B.C. Biocontrol Seminar and Workshop Info line 604-599-3333 or email [Biocontrol@kwantlen.com](mailto:Biocontrol@kwantlen.com).

### **Oregon Strawberry Commission**

**February 6— Meeting and budget meeting** ~ 9:30 AM, Roth's West, 1130 Wallace Road NW, Salem. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

### **North American Strawberry Growers Association**

**February 9-12—6th North American Strawberry Symposium (NASS), Ventura Beach, California.** The conference is being held jointly with the 28th Annual Meeting of the **North American Strawberry Growers Association (NASGA)**. More than 150 scientists and students are expected to attend the 2007 conference from North America and around the world. [Click here](#) for information (15 page PDF brochure).

### **Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission**

**February 14— Meeting and budget meeting** ~ 11:30, Denny's restaurant, 30175 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office.

### **Lower Mainland Horticultural Society Annual Horticulture Growers Short Course**

**February 15-17—TRADEX, Abbotsford, BC,** [Click here](#) for the program. Contact Sandy Gordon, [sandyg@uniserve.com](mailto:sandyg@uniserve.com) or Mark Sweeney, [Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mark.Sweeney@gov.bc.ca) for more information

### **Oregon Strawberry Commission**

**February 21—Research reports/ annual member meeting** ~ North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. For more information, call 541-758-4043 or [email](#) the commission office

### **Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop**

**February 28—10-3,** North Willamette Research and Extension Station, Aurora. Agenda items: Mechanization Potential in Caneberries, Northwest Caneberry Variety Breeding Programs, A panel of processor fieldmen discussing fruit handling issues and pest management topics

### **North American Blueberry Council/ US Highbush Blueberry Council**

**February 28-March 3 Spring meetings** ~ Orlando, FL. [Click here](#) for meeting and registration information