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[Weather Forecast](#) by Rufus La Lone

[Photo of the Week](#): Leafroller larvae feeding in blueberry bud: Now is a good time to scout for these.

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

Industry News

- **USDA Year end Cold Storage Report released on 1/22:** [Click here](#) to download the report which includes all berry crops.

Lots of blueberry stories out there.....

- **Blueberry News from Mississippi:** [Click here](#) for an article from the USDA/ARS on blueberry breeding and growing in Mississippi.
- **Blueberries rate low on Pesticide Residue:** [Click here](#) for a short, consumer article in the *Miami Herald*. I know there are many sides to this issue. Just an example of what consumers' are reading...regardless of your own opinion on it.
- **Blueberry Grower flooded in B.C:** [Click here](#) for an article in the *Abbotsford News*.
- **Southern Farmers Realize Profits from Highbush Blueberries:** [Click here](#) for an article in *Science Daily*.

Position Available

- **Scouting Supervisor/Research Technician:** Peerbolt Crop Management has an opening for a Scouting Supervisor/ Research Technician. This is a full time, permanent, hourly position. Able to work as part of a team to achieve company's priorities and able to communicate effectively with growers, researchers and other industry people. Primary components of the position are hiring, training and supervising seasonal field scouts. The position is also responsible for assisting in research by maintaining field experiments, collecting and analyzing data, and assisting in developing grant proposals, budgets and other documents related to proposals. [Click here to see full description.](#)

Changes in Pest Management Products and Registrations for Berry Crops (Oregon and Washington)

This information is courtesy of Joe DeFrancesco with the [Integrated Plant Protection Center](#) at Oregon State University. The following Power Point Presentation was given by Joe at the North Willamette Horticultural Conference on 1/14/08.

Covered topics:

- New Registrations--Insecticides, Fungicides, Nematicides , Herbicides.
- Section 18 Registration.
- Updates and Clarifications.
- Pending Registrations.

[Click Here](#) for the PowerPoint presentation.

(Disclaimer: Information contained in this presentation is accurate to the best of Joe's and our knowledge but changes and errors are possible. All control materials should be used in accordance with the existing labels. Consult local extension personnel and/or material suppliers if in doubt on proper/legal usage).

Pest Activity

- **[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 management: The lesions now being seen are the effects of past infections. To prevent future lesions from forming, copper sprays are recommended starting when the temperatures get warmer, usually around **mid-February** in the Willamette Valley and SW Washington. **Good coverage** is essential with copper.

- **Voles:** There are signs of a lot of vole activity area blueberry and caneberry fields. [Click here](#) for some background and biology information on voles (or meadow mice). [Click here](#) for information on how to construct bait stations.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 23— Washington Blueberry Commission Annual meeting ~ 10:30 am - 3 pm, WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, 7612 Pioneer Way E., Puyallup, WA. Contact the commission office for more information at 509-266-4305. [Click here](#) to email the commission office.

January 29-31—Northwest Ag Show ~ Expo Center, Portland, [Click here](#) and then click on the 'Ag show' link for information.

January 30—Blueberry Seminar Day at the Oregon Hort Society annual meeting~ 8:25-1:00, Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach, Portland, [Click here](#) and then click on the 'OHS Annual Notice (with seminar schedules)' link for detailed agenda information.

February 6—Oregon Strawberry Commission, noon, Roth's IGA West. Salem. For information call the commission office at 541-758-4043.

February 13—Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission ~ 11 AM, Langdon Farms, Aurora. For information call the commission office at 541-758-4043.

February 13—Washington Red Raspberry Commission ~ 1 PM, Firehouse, Lynden. For information call the commission office at 360-354-8767.

February 13—Whatcom Farmers Coop ~ Lynden, WA, Berry workshop for their customers. To RSVP, call 354-2418

February 14-16 —Horticulture Grower's Short Course & Pacific Agriculture Show ~ Abbotsford, BC. [See the website](#) for program information and registration or contact Mark Sweeney 604-556-3056.

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February 16 —Good Agricultural Practices Workshop for the Blueberry Industry ~ LaSells Steward Center, OSU, Corvallis. Call the Oregon Blueberry Commission for more information 503-364-2944.

February 20 —Oregon Strawberry Commission Annual Growers meeting with Research Reports ~ Time & agenda TBA, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora. Call the commission office for more information 541-758-4044.

February 27— Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission Grower Workshop ~ 9-3:30, North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, call Peerbolt Crop Management at 503-289-7287 for more information