



**December 17, 2009**

[The Weather Cafe](#) by Rufus La Lone.

[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

[Industry Calendar of events](#)

### Statistics

### Newsletters

- **The Source (Producer News):** [Click here](#) (12/14) Good berry market news.
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### Websites

- **North Carolina's new Blackberry & Raspberry Growers Information Portal:** [Click here](#)

### Industry news/resources

- (U.S. Regulatory) **Bill would give undocumented legal status; includes AgJobs:** [Click here](#) (12/16, Capital Press)
- (U.S) **USDA: Specialty crops vulnerable to climate change:** [Click here](#) (12/15, The Packer)
- (U.S) **Legislator introduces national**
- **Southern specialties expands Chilean blueberry imports:** [Click here](#) (12/15, The Packer)
- (B.C.) **Government of Canada investing to help market Canadian blueberries:** [Click here](#) (12/15, Benzinga)
- (Argentina) **Blueberries running the last part of season:** [Click here](#) (12/7, freshplaza.com)
- (New Zealand) **Boysenberries get the genteel treatment:** [Click here](#) (12/14, The Scoop)
- (New Zealand) **The signs of summer (beginning raspberry harvest):** [Click here](#) (12/12, Ashburton Guardian)

### Innovation

- (Washington apples) **Fruit companies see future in mechanized harvest:** [Click here](#) (12/12, The Wenatchee World)

### Meeting Information

[Click here](#) for the full calendar of Northwest berry crop events.

- North Willamette meeting
- **January 7, 2010— Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting~** Northwest Research and Extension Center, Aurora, OR.: 9am-12pm: Commission meeting; 12:30-5 pm. Blueberry Researcher/ Contractor Roundup (all growers invited). Call 503 364-2944 for more information.
- **January 12-15, 2010— Ag Connect Expo~** Orlando, FL. A new farm show, organized by farm equipment manufacturers to showcase the latest industry innovations, products and technology. For more information visit the [Ag Connect website](#).
- **January 17-20, 2010—96th Annual NW Food Manufacturing and Packaging Expo and Conference~** Portland, OR. Convention Center. Visit [www.nwfpa.org](http://www.nwfpa.org) in the coming months to view the 2010 EXPO event pages.

- **January 26, 2010—Oregon Horticulture Society Annual Meeting and 41st Annual NW Ag Show** ~ 7:45 am- 4:00 pm. Blueberry section 1- 4 pm. Portland, OR Expo Center. Visit <http://www.oregonhorticulturalsociety.org> for more information.
- **January 28-30, 2010— Horticulture Growers' Short Course (part of Tradex 12th Annual Pacific Ag Show)** ~ Abbotsford, British Columbia, CA. More info TBA. *Please note that the dates for this 2010 show are different from previous years due to the Olympics.*

### **Cropwork**

*The winter rains are here in full force and most field work has come to a halt. However, if conditions allow, the following activities can happen.*

*With our newly emerging potential pest, the [spotted wing drosophila](#), it is likely that field sanitation will be an increasingly important economic element in eliminating possible breeding and overwintering sites for this pest.*

### **All crops**

- Can take soil tests for fertility and/or nematodes.
- Maintain weed control.
- Scout for voles and treat as needed.

### **Caneberries**

- Can cut out old floricanes now and tie up primocanes.
- Scout and mark problem weed areas that could be treated in the winter.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.
- Subsoil and/or hill.
- Can apply copper or Bordeaux after tying up canes.

### **Blueberries**

- Scout for weevil notching on lower leaves.
- Apply sulfur, lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.

### **Strawberries**

- Scout weak areas for root weevil larvae, Strawberry Crown Moth, root disease or soil problems.
- Scout for weevil notching on leaves.
- Apply lime, dolomite, gypsum and/or fall fertilizer.