

Small Fruit Update



News and opinions from [Peerbolt Crop Management](#) and [BerriesNW](#) sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have something to share in the off season.

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[Video of the Week](#): An excellent primer on the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug from growingproduce.com. Right now this is an eastern seaboard, tree fruit pest, but it is in the northwest & has the potential to cause much economic damage in berries.

[Upcoming Meetings](#)
[The Weather Cafe](#) by Rufus La Lone
[Small Fruit Cold Storage Report](#)

Changes on the [BerriesNW.com](#) web site:

- We've made the Berry Pest Information section much easier to use by adding a word search function. [Click here](#).
- Within the Pest Information area we've also added a 'still-developing' Spotted Wing Drosophila information page for each of the berry crops.
 - [Click here](#) to view the blueberry SWD page.
 - [Click here](#) to view the raspberry SWD page.

Washington Red Raspberry Commission Research:

- [Click here](#) to view the commission's funded research projects and priorities for the past few years.
- Also posted on the same page are PDF files of the research projects & proposals booklets from this year all the way back to 1987. These are large files and not easily used, but it's a good start and part of our efforts to make berry research information more accessible to the growers and industry people who can best make use of it.

Industry News/Resources

Newsletters

- [Michigan State Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) (11/20)
- ['The Source'](#) (11/22) Market updates from *The Produce News*

National

- [Saskatoons an opportunity for Midwest growers](#) (11/10, Fruit Grower News)
- [Driscoll's monitors berries during shipping](#) (11/22, The Packer)

Disseminating information for:

Washington

[Washington Red Raspberry Commission](#)
[Washington Blueberry Commission](#)
[Washington Strawberry Commission](#)

Oregon

[Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Blueberry Commission](#)
[Oregon Strawberry Commission](#)

British Columbia

[Fraser Valley Strawberry Growers Association](#)
[Raspberry Industry Development Council](#)
[B.C. Blueberry Council](#)

International

- (Chile) [Blueberry harvest back up to speed](#) (11/22, Fresh Plaza)
- (Chile) [Rainfall delays blueberry harvest](#) (11/11, Fresh Plaza)
- (Mexico) [Splendor: Mexican berries for the northern hemisphere](#) (11/19, Fresh Plaza)
- (Argentina) [Argentina's blueberries: Quality comes with a price tag](#) (11/19, Fresh Plaza)

Food Safety Issues

- **Expert Panel's review of The Environmental Working Group's 'Dirty Dozen' report on pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables:** [Click here](#) for this excellent review. *'The panel was commissioned by the Alliance for Food and Farming, but the sponsor did not participate in the production of this report.'*
- [Food safety bill clears big hurdle in senate](#) (11/17, Yahoo News)
- [Produce Marketing Association now opposes senate food safety bill](#) (11/18/10, Fruit Grower News)

Labor Issues

- [How farms work: Writer goes into the field to uncover reality of farm labor crisis](#) (11/21, The Buffalo News)

Sacramento Bee's four part series on illegal farm labor in California

(Third and Fourth parts are not yet published)

- First part: [Illegal farm labor relies on don't ask don't tell](#) (11/15, Sacramento Bee)
- Second part: [Employers won't use free, simple safeguard against hiring illegal workers](#) (11/22, Sacramento Bee)

Related material from the Fresno Bee

[Immigration timeline](#) [California immigration facts and figures](#) [Documents used to research illegal immigration](#)

- [How can we stop illegal immigration?](#) (11/14)
- **Fake ID's:** [Need fake documents? The Valley is the place](#) (11/14)
- **E-Verify:** [Promises abound while politics stall on immigration](#) (11/15)
- **ICE:** [Cracking down on illegal immigration can backfire: Employer Feels heat from worker audit](#) (11/16, Fresno Bee)
- **Budgets:** [Illegal immigration burdens local, state government](#) (11/17)
- **Jobs:** [Workers endure bad conditions with little recourse](#) (11/18)
- **Visas:** [Policies create difficult paths to legal immigration](#) (11/19)
- **Consumers:** [A daily scramble to find work](#) (11/20)

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Meeting Information

For more comprehensive meeting schedule, [click here](#).

- **November 29 - December 1— International Raspberry Organization Conference** ~ Talca, Chile. [Click here](#).
- **December 1-3 — Northwest Small Fruits Center annual conference** ~ Owyhee Plaza Hotel, Boise, ID. Main conference day, December 2; committee meetings, December 3. Click [here](#) for newsletter and conference registration information. [Email](#) Philip Gütt for more information, or call 541-758-4043.
- **December 6 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission research meeting** ~ 6 pm Lynden, WA. [Email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information, or call 360-354-8767.
- **December 7 — WSU Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop** ~ Lynden, WA. Event has moved from the Rotary Building at the Fairgrounds to the Expo Building, parking will be on the fairgrounds, entering at Gate 2. Visit the [web site](#) or [click here](#) for the brochure with more information.
- **December 8 — Washington Red Raspberry Commission annual meeting** ~ Lynden, WA. [Email](#) Henry Bierlink for more information, or call 360-354-8767.
- **December 9 — Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm. Langdon Farms, Aurora, OR. Contact [Philip Gutt](#), or call 541-758-4043 for more information.
- **December 9 — Washington Blueberry Commission meeting** ~ TBA. Mt. Vernon, WA. Contact [Alan Schreiber](#) 509-266-4300 for more information.
- **December 16 — Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting** ~ 12 pm, Roth's IGA, Salem, OR. Contact [Philip Gutt](#), or call 541-758-4043 for more information.
- **Date Change: December 16 — Washington Strawberry Commission research meeting** ~ 9 pm - 2 pm, Puyallup, WA, WSU Research and Extension Center. Contact [Walter Swenson](#) or call (360) 352-1236 for more information.

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- **January 5-7, —North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conference** ~ Savannah, Georgia, in association with the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference. A tour on January 5 will precede the conference. [Click here](#) for full information.
- **January 10 — Oregon Blueberry Commission meeting and Roundup** ~ Location and meeting format to be announced. Will be a full day, with the Roundup in the afternoon, at either the Santiam Room, West Salem Roth's IGA in Salem, or the North Willamette Research and Extension Center on Aurora. Contact [Bryan Ostlund](#) for more information, or call 503-364-2944.
- **January 26 — Oregon Horticultural Society** ~ Portland Expo Center in conjunction with the Northwest Ag Show. Agenda to come.
- **January 27- 29 — 13th Annual Pacific Ag Show and Grower Hort Short Course** ~ Abbotsford, B.C., Canada. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Pest Management Information

Insects/Mites

- [SWD found in Michigan](#) (11/10, Fruit Grower News)
- [Bug raising big stink this year](#) (11/10, Fruit Grower News) The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

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Archived Small Fruit Updates

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