Now that the holidays are past, it is time to start working on the farm site again. Pruning, if needed, should be completed before active growth begins. Sanding is also best done when the cranberry plants are dormant.

Sprinkler heads should be returned to the beds and checked for correct operability. Any heads not working well should be replaced before frost season begins. Also in preparation for frost season, siting of temperature monitors should be considered. Monitors should be placed in the coldest spot on your farm, and be open to the elements—not covered, as covering or protecting the temperature monitor may inflate the temperature to such an extent that your frost control may not come on when needed.

Late February-early March is the best time to apply pre-emergent herbicides. Please make sure that you read and follow the pesticide label—or contact me with any questions.

Finally, winter is a good time to consider your cranberry plants nutrient status and make decisions on fertilization for the up-coming growing season. I will gladly meet with anyone who has questions or wants advice on their fertilizer regime.

The 2008 Oregon Cranberry School will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm at the Sprague Community Theatre in Bandon.

This year’s speakers will include Dr. James Polashock from the USDA-ARS in New Jersey, Dr. Peter Oudemans from Rutgers University in New Jersey, Dr. Kim Patten from Washington State University, and Drs. Sujaya Rao and William Stephen, both from Oregon State University.

This year’s event will include a luncheon, so pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please contact Bob Donaldson at (541) 348-2242 or Linda White (at the Coos County Extension Office) at (541) 572-5263 ext. 285 with questions, or to register. The cost of the School is $10.00 for Oregon Cranberry Growers’ Association members, or $50.00 for non-members. Pesticide recertification credits will be available for this event.

A complete agenda may be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Pesticide Update for Cranberries**

**Diazinon 14G:** this registration is scheduled to be cancelled at the end of 2008. Use any existing stock, and keep in mind that this product may not become re-registered.

**Callisto:** A full, regular, Section 3 label is expected on Callisto. If the regular label is not available soon, another Section 18, emergency exemption will be requested so that the product may be used this spring.

**Indar:** this fungicide was registered last year with a regular, Section 3 label. It can be used for cottonball and fruit rot control.

**Delegate:** an improved formulation of Success. Kim Patten has seen good control of fireworm with this product.

**Avaunt:** another insecticide for fireworm.
Blueberry Pruning Workshop

The Blueberry Pruning Workshop and Demonstration will be held on February 6, 2008 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm, at Common Ground Farms, 94319 Bono Rd., Langlois. This is a hands-on training, where you will see how to prune both large and small bushes, and then have an opportunity to prune your own bushes. The class will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately. Class participants will also need to bring their own hand-held pruners, loppers and gloves. Eye protection is also strongly encouraged. Due to space concerns, only 15 people may register for the class. Pre-registration is required! The cost of the class is $5. Please contact the Coos County Extension Office at (541) 572-5263 with any questions and to register for the class.

Private Pesticide Applicator’s Training

There will be a 2 day class covering topics that are on the Oregon Private Pesticide Applicator’s Test. This class is for any individual who does not currently have a private applicator’s license, but plans on taking the test in order to obtain a license. Topics covered one the first night of the class will be pesticide laws and regulations, pesticide registrations, pesticide types and formulations, and calibration and calculations. The second night will cover label interpretations, application equipment and pesticide safety and IPM and pest characteristics.

The classes will be held at the Bandon Public Library Community room on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 and Monday, February 25, 2008. Both classes will be from 6:30 pm—9:30 pm. There will be a fee of $10 for the class to cover the cost of the room rental. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please contact the Coos County Extension Office at (541) 572-5263 to register or with any questions.

Extension Publications


Washington State University has updated their Cranberry Pest Management Guide. It is free and downloadable as a PDF file at:

http://cru84.cahe.wsu.edu/cgi-bin/pubs/EB0845E.html

Census of Agriculture and PURS

The 2007 Pesticide Use Reports are due January 31, 2008. The PURS is a Oregon Department of Agriculture requirement for all people in agriculture, forestry, governmental agencies, etc. who use any type of pesticide. The required information is based on water basin areas or zip code. PURS is an on-line reporting system. The web address to make reports is http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/purs_index.shtml

PURS assistance can be attained by ODA staff at (503) 986-6472 or by email at: purs-info@oda.state.or.us. The 2007 Census of Agriculture is due by February 4, 2008. Like PURS, the Census is a required document. However, your responses will be private and confidential by law. This Census is only conducted every 5 years, and is extremely valuable. The data can be used as a lobbying devise in order to gain governmental funds and/or support for your crop and area.
2008 Oregon Cranberry School
February 11, 2008
Sprague Theater
1202 11th St. SW, Bandon, OR

9:00 am-9:10 am Welcome and introductions

9:10 am-9:55 am “Molecular Identification and Detection of Cranberry Diseases”
“Inhibition of Fruiting to Improve Bed Establishment”
~Dr. James Polashock, USDA-ARS, Chatsworth, NJ
The process and advantages of molecular detection of cranberry diseases, as well as discussing new work on inhibiting fruiting in new cranberry beds in order to promote better bed establishment

9:55 am-10:15 am “EMaps”
~Dr. Peter Oudemans, Rutgers University, Chatsworth, NJ
Detecting loss and predicting risk using remote and GIS systems

10:15 am-10:30 am Break

10:30 am-11:15 am “Cranberry Fruit Rot”
~Dr. Peter Oudemans, Rutgers University, Chatsworth, NJ
The proper use, timing, mode of action, and methods for assessment of fungicides for cranberry fruit rot control

11:15 am-12:00 pm “Fungicide Timing. New Product Information”
~Dr. Kim Patten, Washington State university, Long Beach, WA
The proper use and timing of registered fungicides. Also to be discussed will be new insecticides, Delegate and Avaunt, and the herbicide, Callisto.

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm-1:45 pm “Native Pollinators”
~Dr. Sujaya Rao, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
~Dr. William Stephen, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
This presentation will discuss the different native cranberry pollinators found in Oregon—how to identify them and ways to promote them to enhance cranberry pollination

1:45 pm-2:00 pm “Research Updates—Cranberry Fruit Yield and Quality”
~Linda White, Oregon State University, Coos County Extension, Myrtle Point, OR
Initial data on current research trials on fruit quality and yield

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Informal Question and Answer with presenters
### Upcoming Events and Workshops

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