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## **New Specialty Crops Research Priorities for 2010-2011 funding**

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**Lonicera, Bilberry, Schisandra chinensis Baill, Gooseberry, Currants, Hardy Kiwifruit, Lingonberry, Huckleberry, Chokeberry (Aronia melanocarpa), Elderberry, Sea Buckthorn Berry (Hippophae), Buffalo Berry (Shepherdia), Gogi Berry**

Note: Priorities ranked "1" (five of them) apply to all new berry crops; those ranked "2" & "3" are commodity specific.

- 1) Pesticide tracking, registration and re-registration issues for new up-and-coming crops  
  
Cultivar Development: Germplasm collection, improvement, evaluation, and introduction  
  
Develop and/or improve a production system (how do we grow these crops?)  
  
New product development/marketing  
  
Nutraceuticals
- 2) Foliar disease Ribes  
  
Fresh market storage  
  
Investigation of mycorrhizal associations in Huckleberry  
  
Pollination/fruit set  
  
Frost Protection of Hardy Kiwifruit
- 3) Quality of new fruit crops  
  
Currant fruit fly (also called gooseberry maggot)  
  
Nutrition of new crops(fertilization)  
  
Phytophthora in Hardy Kiwifruit