
NORTHWEST CENTER FOR SMALL FRUITS RESEARCH

Blueberry Research Priorities for 2011-2012 funding

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- 1A) Plant breeding/variety evaluation, including but not limited to
 - extend/shift harvest windows
 - suitability for mechanized harvesting
 - cold hardiness
 - fruit quality
 - disease resistance

- B) Fruit set (pollination issues; frost, etc.)

- C) Biology and management of insects, especially root weevils, gall midge, winter moth and Spotted Wing Drosophila

- D) Organic production systems (including both horticultural and pest management issues)

- E) Improve or extend fresh market through controlled atmosphere storage and packaging, mechanized harvesting, physical covers or chemicals, post harvest handling and cultural inputs

- 2A) Birds and other vertebrate control

- B) Fertility management in organic and conventional systems

- C) Improved irrigation management/irrigation guidelines

- D) Management of viruses

- E) Biology and management of diseases especially root rot, mummy berry and pseudomonas

- 3A) Plant architecture and training systems

- B) Genotyping

- C) Food Safety

- D) Methods to reduce cost of labor