
NORTHWEST CENTER FOR SMALL FRUITS RESEARCH

New Specialty Crops Research Priorities

for 2018-2019 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

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

Priority Setting Policy (April 2010)

The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research will accept three tiers of research priorities for each recognized and represented single commodity (e.g. blueberries) or commodity group (e.g. specialty crops). The first and second tier research priorities shall each be limited to five specific issues and/or problems in a bulleted format. "Packing" of multiple problems (including, but not limited to, "Diseases" and "Pests") within individual line items will not be accepted. Generic language for problems (e.g., "Diseases") will not be accepted. Unacceptable priorities, as noted above, will be removed from the list by the administrative office. The third tier research priorities shall not be limited by list length and "packing" of multiple subjects and/or problems within individual line items will be accepted.