
NORTHWEST CENTER FOR SMALL FRUITS RESEARCH

Blueberry Research Priorities

for 2018-2019 funding

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1A)	Plant breeding/variety evaluation
B)	Management of Botrytis and other fruit rots.
C)	Management of Spotted Wing Drosophila
D)	Organic production systems
E)	Management/irrigation/chemigation, cooling, fertigation, water delivery, frost protection
2A)	Biology and management of pseudomonas
B)	Vertebrate management
C)	Fertility management
D)	Research of mechanical harvesters of fresh market fruits
E)	Food safety
3A)	Biology and management of arthropod pests including garden symphylan, root weevil, gall midge, winter moth, wireworms
B)	Biology and management of diseases, especially root rot, mummy berry, silver leaf and virus complex
C)	Methods to reduce cost of labor (e.g. mechanical harvester, pruner, weed mat, etc.)
D)	Improve or extend fresh market, controlled atmosphere packaging, physical covers or chemicals, post-harvest handling and cultural inputs
E)	Pollination

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.