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# NORTHWEST CENTER FOR SMALL FRUITS RESEARCH

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## Blackberry Research Priorities

for 2018-2019 funding

Revised December 2016

1A)	Management and biology of Spotted Wing Drosophila.
B)	Evaluate new insecticides/management strategies.
C)	Breed cultivars that are thornless, high-yielding, winter hardy, machine harvestable, disease resistant, and have superior fruit quality.
D)	Control/management of most challenging perennial weeds including Canada Thistles.
E)	Development of micronutrient sufficiency-management programs.
2A)	Biology and control of Botrytis.
B)	Development of organic production systems.
C)	Water management.
D)	Cold hardiness.
E)	Primocane management.
3A)	Biology and management of emerging pests.
B)	Interactions of soil borne pathogens.
C)	Improving labor efficiency (lowering costs and/or increasing outputs).
D)	Improving the viability of fresh market production.
E)	Virus Management.

### 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.