



# Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research 2000 Annual Conference

Welcome to the **ninth** annual conference of the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research. We hope you will find the day productive and small fruitful!

1) Dr. J. Scott Cameron, the new National Program Leader, Horticulture & Sugar Crops for USDA-ARS in Beltsville, Maryland will provide the keynote address for this years conference. Dr. Cameron was formerly the Director of Washington State University (WSU) Research & Extension Unit and Assistant Dean WSU College of Agriculture & Home Economics. Dr. Cameron received his PhD in 1986 in plant breeding and genetics from the Crop Science Department, OSU. In his talk, he will discuss the role of ARS as the national program for agriculture and how NCSFR and ARS benefit from working together.

2) On Wednesday, November 29th, the Advisory Council will review the Strategic Plan during their annual meeting. If you are on that committee please look over the document (enclosed) and come prepared to discuss it.

3) During the Annual Conference time is set aside to revisit the research priorities. After the Technical Working Group meetings, commodity groups will meet separately to review and revise priorities. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for the time and room assignments.

4) The 2000 Organizational Handbook has been included in your registration packet. This booklet provides an overview of the NCSFR operations, detailed funding information and a member directory.

5) Please note that a detailed agenda has been provided this year in order to best choose the sessions you would like to participate in throughout the day. Each Technical Working Group will include a section for research reports and a featured presentation.

6) Enclosed in your packet is an Evaluation Form. Please take time to give us your feedback so that we may continue to improve this event. Evaluation forms may be turned in to the registration table during the conference or mailed to the NCSFR office.

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# BERRY/GRAPE PROCESSING







# PEST MANAGEMENT



















