

BERRY WEBINAR SERIES CONTINUES THIS FALL AND WINTER



The Cornell University Berry Program continues to host a series of Webinars for Berry farmers, supported by funding from the [Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center](#) (NEIPM). The webinars feature experts from eastern North America speaking on production and pest management topics and their current related research.

All Webinars are scheduled for 1:00pm so berry growers can enjoy hearing these live presentations in the comfort of their home or office while they eat lunch! Speakers will answer questions live during and after the presentation.

All webcasts will be recorded and archived at: <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webcastarchive.htm>.

Participation is easy; all you need is a high-speed internet connection and a web browser. Participants will connect to a secure Cornell Cooperative Extension server to join the presentation.

Don't have high speed internet access or a home computer? Participate in the webcasts at a group location. Options for attending a group session at extension offices across the region are being arranged, so check the website to find a location near you, or call your local extension office and see if they can arrange a viewing.

The webcasts have been divided into 3 mini series focusing on major berry crops: Strawberries, Blueberries/Cranberries and Brambles with 4 presentations for each crop group. The entire schedule follows. If you have missed a topic of interest, just check the website and view the archived webcast.

There is no charge for webcast participation, but registration is required. Connection details are sent to registered participants the day prior to the event. Connections for each webcast are limited, so register now by contacting Laura McDermott, lgm4@cornell.edu or calling 518-746-2562.

For additional program details and other information: <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webcastindex.htm>.

Future Programs

Friday, October 30, Strawberry Weed Management, Dr. Robin Bellinder of Cornell University presents an *Overview of weed control products for strawberries* and Dr. Marvin Pritts of Cornell University discusses *Cultural approaches to weed management*.

Wednesday, November 4, Blueberry/Cranberry weed management, Hilary Sandler of the University of Massachusetts will discuss *IPM Techniques for Dodder in Cranberries*, and Dr. Eric Hanson of Michigan State University will present *New Approaches to Blueberry Weed Management*.

Wednesday, November 11, Blueberry/Cranberry Disease Management, Dr. Annemiek Schilder, of Michigan State University, speaks about *Understanding and Managing Blueberry Viruses* and Dr. Frank Caruso of the University of Massachusetts talks about *Important Cranberry Diseases in the Northeast*.

Wednesday, December 2, Blueberry/Cranberry Production Topics, Dr. Gary Pavlis of Rutgers University will speak on *Blueberry Site Preparation and Fertility Considerations* and Sonia Schloemann of the University of Massachusetts will speak on *Overcoming Blueberry Pollination Challenges*

Wednesday, December 9, Blueberry/Cranberry Insect Management, Dr. Roger Williams of Ohio State University will discuss *Japanese Beetle Management* and Robert Childs of the University of Massachusetts will talk about *Winter Moth: A New Blueberry Pest*.

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 Bramble Production Topics, Dr. Marvin Pritts from Cornell University will present *Growing Brambles in High Tunnels* and Dr. Fumiomi Takeda of the USDA research station in Kearneysville, WV will present his work on the *Rotating Cross Arm Trellis for Brambles*.

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Bramble Weed Management, Dr. David Handley of the University of Maine will discuss the *Cultural Weed Control Options for Brambles* and Dr. Rich Bonanno of the University of Massachusetts will instruct growers on *Using Herbicides Effectively in Bramble Plantings*.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, Bramble Diseases, Dr. Pam Fisher of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture in Canada will discuss *Controlling Root and Crown Diseases in Brambles* and Dr. Kerik Cox of Cornell University will speak on *Managing Bramble Viruses*.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, Bramble Insects, Dr. Hannah Burrack of the University of North Carolina will talk about *Controlling Crown and Cane Borers*, and TBA.

Archived Programs

Strawberry Production Topics , Dr. Lewis Jett of University of West Virginia presents *Growing Strawberries in a High Tunnel* and Kathy Demchak of Pennsylvania State University presents *Growing Strawberries on Plastic in the Northeast*

Strawberry Insect Pests, Dr. Richard Cowles of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station discusses *Management of Black Vine Weevil in Strawberries* and Dr. Greg Loeb of Cornell University speaks on *Managing Sap Beetle & Tarnished Plant Bug in Strawberries*

Strawberry Disease Topics, Dr. Mike Ellis of Ohio State University discusses *Management of Fruit Diseases* and Dr. David Gadoury of Cornell University presents *Strawberry Powdery Mildew Management*.