

- Pesticides listed in this presentation examples from the PNW Handbook, more options can be found there for specific pests.
- OSU Does not endorse one pesticide, or brand name over another.
- ALWAYS read the label on ANY pesticide before application
- ALWAYS follow label requirements when using pesticides



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Start with the basics

- Inventory your land: What resources do you have?
- How much space do you want to contribute?
- Think horizontally and vertically
- Trees and vines can grow large
- Soil profiles are important



Take a soil sample!

- SOIL! Is very important when growing permanent crops
- It's easier to amend before you plant
- What is your soil texture profile?
- What's the pH?



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Already have plants in the ground? Take a tissue sample!



Blueberries

About Blueberries

- Vaccinium corymbosum (Northern Highbush)
- Vaccinium virgatum (Rabbit Eye)
- Long lived-perennial
- Fibrous, shallow root systems
- · Native species to North America



- Blueberry root systems
- Shallow Fibrous
- Sensitive to fertilizers, soil type and drainage



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Site selection

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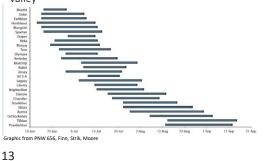
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• Sunny





Ripening time of blueberry varieties in the Willamette Valley





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Choosing varieties

- Pick varieties that bloom and fruit around the same time for pollination
- You can pick multiple varieties to plan for a season-long harvest
- U-pick farms are a great place to sample varieties



Pre-plant prepping

- Take a soil sample before planting
- Amend with elemental sulfur to adjust pH before planting if needed
- Add OM if needed
- Peat, Compost, Sawdust

Raised Bed or Flat Ground? Raised Beds • Ease of soil modification

- Increased drainage
- Watering can be a challenge
- Easier to weed

Flat Ground

- Ease of maintenance
- Lack of erosion • Ease of damage
- Harder to weed





First year

- · Remove any flowers and fruit
- Keep the area clean and weed free
- Add mulch to the plants: 2-3 inches of sawdust







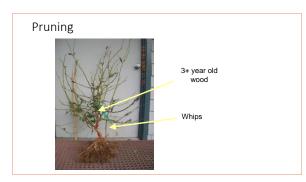


Pruning blueberries

- Establish good separation between canes on young plants
- Separation and airflow
- Limit new whips (1 year old shoots)
- Whips will eventually replace older growth
 Remove low growth
- Remove damaged and diseased wood
 Remove unfruitful wood
- In old, unpruned stands, you can "stump" the plants, cut them down and allow for regenerative growth



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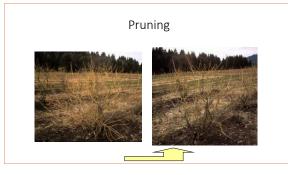




Pruning

1-year old wood

- Fruit buds will break in spring to produce a blossom cluster with no leaf growth
- Leaf/vegetative buds - will break in spring to produce a leafy shoot without flowers





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Irrigation

- 1 inch per week is sufficient
 Water in the morning
- Can use drip or overhead irrigation (Drip is often more efficient)
- Overhead can be useful in high-heat situations
 Keeping the area around blueberries moist is best. High
 OM environments can become hydrophobic when dried
 out



Fertilization

- · Fertilization begins in the spring, around flowering
- On newer, un-mulched plants, use 1.5 tablespoons of 10-10-10
- Add 10-10-10 in spring
- Use 2 ounces on year two, and increase by 1 oz. per year up to 6-8 oz.
- To lower pH, use ammonium sulfate or elemental S.







Mummy berry

- Fungal disease
- Brown, withering flowers
- · Hard, mummified, shriveled berries Infects both the shoots and fruits of plants
- Fungal bodies (Ascocarps) are small, brown, in soil

ALWAYS CONSULT THE LABEL ON CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Fruits from old, infected berries







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Mummy Berry control

- Prune out infected shoots
- · Remove and destroy infected berries · Apply 2-inches of Doug fir sawdust in
- spring Actinovate AG (Pre-bloom)
- Regalia (Late season apps may cause russeting)

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- Shock
- Viral pathogen
- Lasts 1-4 years
- Dependent on variety, will cycle through on its own or kill plant
- Plant resistant varieties
- Prune out very weak wood
- Avoid planting in areas with poor drainage



Phytophthora cinnamomi (Root rot)

- Oomycete, soilborne
- Survives and spreads very well in water
- Warm weather pathogen
- Thought to have been introduced through ballast in ships
- Can spread through infested nursery stock Causes rapid decline of plants as it kills roots, eventually killing plants

P. Cinnamomi treatment

- Solarize prior to planting
- Plant disease free plants Provide good aeration for roots (amend with sawdust or bark mulch)
- Sanitize pots before reusing them
- Destroy diseased plants Consult your local agent for chemical recommendations



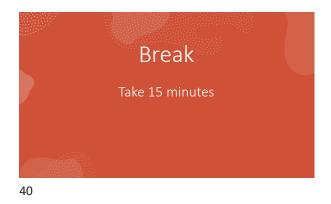


Nutrient deficiencies/pH issues

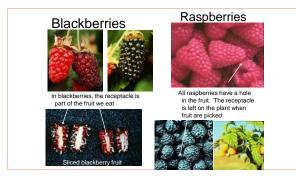
- Nutrient deficiencies and overfertilization can cause disease like symptoms
- Take a soil and tissue sample
- Consult your local agent



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Blackberries in Oregon

Multiple species grouped by growth patterns

- Trailing
- Erect

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Semi-erect

*Boysenberries, Marionberries, and Loganberries are blackberries too!

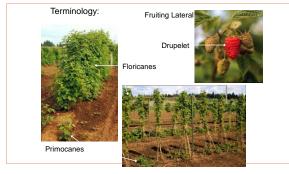


Terminology for Raspberries and Blackberries

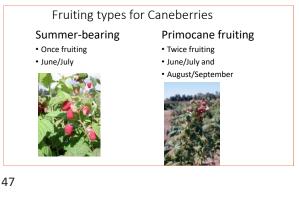
- Floricane: Fruiting Cane
- Primocane: First year cane (Next years fruiting cane)
- Summer bearing: Fruits once in June/July
- Primocane fruiting/Everbearing: Fruits twice, June/July and August September



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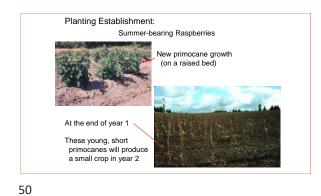
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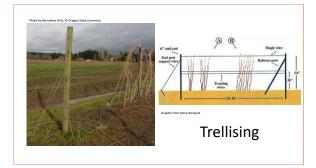
- Lots of sun!
- Neutral pH
- Well-drained soil
- Plan for raised beds where
 possible

Planting and establishment

- Sample the soil, and adjust pH as needed prior to planting
- Mound soil so that canes can be planted on hills
 Plant at container height, or if planting bare-root, lay roots flat in shallow hole
- bare-root, lay roots flat in shallow hoTrellis in second year





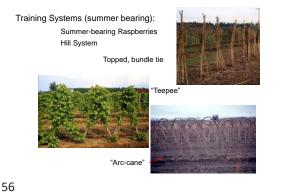












Pruning: Summer Bearing



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- Thin canes out, keep the healthiest, most vigorous canes
- Top the thinned canes off
- Once canes have been pruned, thinned, and topped, bundle them for easier handling next season
- Apply a dormant season fungicide to avoid infection for next years crop





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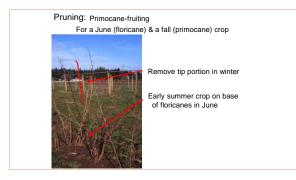


Planting Establishment Fall fruiting (Primocane fruiting):

- Space at 2'
- Can be trellised at knee height: not required
- Mature crop in year
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Pruning for a fall crop only: primocane fruiting ca

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Fertilization

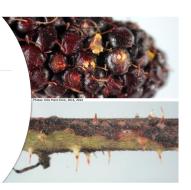
- Lime should be applied as needed, usually every 2 years.
 S.6 and lower, add lime
 Apply in the spring when new growth begins
 Summer fruiting:

 - 4-6 pounds of 10-20-20 per 100 foot row
- Fall-fruiting:
 Add 1-2 pounds of ammonium nitrate (33-0-0) at fall bloom



Fungal, Bacterial, Viral pathogens

- Botrvtis Powdery mildew (Marionberries)
- Rust Purple Blotch
- Agrobacterium



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Botrytis (Gray mold)

- Does very well in humid conditions
- Can show up pre-harvest or post-harvest
- Overwinters in canes, leaves and mummified fruit
- Spores require free water to infect
- Infects fruit and canes
- Causes fruit to mold and mummify

Botrytis management

- · Airflow is key
- Keep plants dry as much as possible
- Remove dead leaves
- Destroy old fruit
- Use drip irrigation Some biologicals available, consult your local agent

ALWAYS follow label requ





Agrobacterium (Crown & Cane Gall)

- Bacterial infestation
- Infested through injuries to the plant
- DNA from bacteria transfers into plant, causing tumors to form
- Disinfect pruning tools
- Prune when dry Solarize the soil prior to planting
- Remove infested plants

Common Problems in the Home Garden Diseases - Viruses



There is no control for infected plant

Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus RBDV



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Root rots

- Multiple causal agents
- Armillaria
- Phytophthora rubi
- Causes cane collapse
- Root die-off
- Plant resistant varieties · Plant in well drained
- soils • Use certified stock



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Site selection

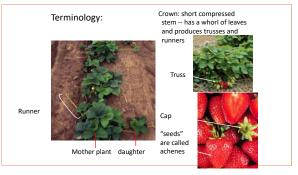
• Full sun

- Well-drained soil

Neutral pH
Check for Verticillium if planting in ground that was previously strawberries

Lynn Ketchum



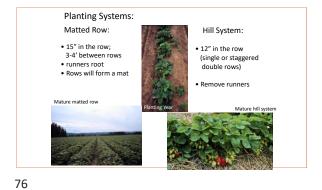


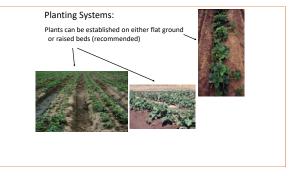


Container/greenhouse production: Day-neutral types are best suited to greenhouse or container production. Dayneutrals will fruit almost continuously in a greenhouse for off-season production



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• 2 oz. of Nitrogen per 10' row •Use a balanced fertilizer •Apply 2-3 times after planting

•June-bearing – after renovation

•Others - throughout the season



Maintenance:

Watering

- Apply 1-1.5" of water per week
- •Most important during fruit set •Amount of water varies based on
- soil type, etc.

Weed control

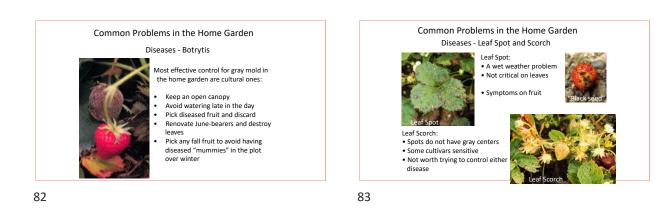
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- Important cultivate shallowly
- •May use sawdust, mulches, or plastics





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Common Problems in the Home Garden

Diseases - Root Rot

Weak areas in plantings and plant death



Common Problems in the Home Garden

Frost damage

damaged

- Open flowers damaged < 30 °F
 Floating row covers offer some protection



Frost-damaged flowers Fully frostflowers produce no fruit



Common Problems in the Home Garden

Frost damage

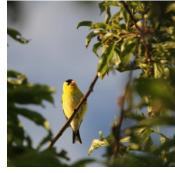


Just the tip of this flower was damaged by frost

Partially damaged flowers produce "nubbins", "cat-faced", or "monkey-faced" berries



Vertebrate pests • Voles Gophers



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Vertebrate pest control

 Fencing for deer and dogs Bird netting

Gopher/Vole/Mole traps

hoto Credit: Betsy Hartley





Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)

- Non-native species
 Oregon resident since 2010
- Can survive 3-9 weeks in season Later generations can overwinter
- 10-14 generations a season
- Don't like heat
- Does like humidity
- Females lay eggs in fruit (1-3 per fruit)
- 1 female = 300 eggs

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Usually monitored using baited traps



SWD ID

- Small Dipterid (2-3.5 mm adult)
- Males have distinct spots on their wings
- Females have serrated ovipositors
- Characteristic abdominal
- banding
- Red eyes

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Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)

- Harvest fruit before it becomes over-ripe Clean up fallen and infested fruit
- .
- Remove non-crop hosts
- Keep canopy open and use drip irrigation Bifenthrins (toxic to bees)
- Spinsosads (toxic to bees)
- Parasitic Wasps (OSU study- YEAH!)



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Scale

- · Latches onto stem or leaf tissue
- · Overwinter on twigs and branches
- Spring-summer, nymphs emerge Young Scale feed on tissues
- Feeding scale create honeydew, which falls onto fruit and leaves, creating sooty mold
- Nymphs overwinter under protective cover, restarting the process





Scale



anium scale insects on an oak stem that an with crawlers. Obusto inc.

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- Scrub off insects • Prune branches with especially
- bad infestations
- Avoid excessive N inputs
- Horticultural oil
- Insecticidal soap

Borers

- · Holes in wood and crowns
- Galls
- Duff in holes
- · Declining branches and stems





Borer management

- Any insecticides used need to target adult emerging stage
- Almost impossible to kill larval stage in wood
- Destroy infested wood and crowns Bury any infested material deeper than 2 inches
- Remove wild blackberries and other hosts in the area

Intensive pruning



Common Problems in the Home Garden



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Common Problems in the Home Garden

Insects - Slugs

- Use baits
- Control most effective if done after first heavy late-summer rain. Baiting at this time kills egg-laying adults



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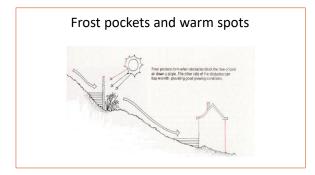
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Site Selection: What to look for

- Growing zones 6, 7, or 8 for deciduous tree fruit
- · Lots of light: Eight hours of sun
- Look for elevation
- Avoid frost pockets
- Slope direction influences
 bud break
- · Make sure you have water!
- · Well-drained soil



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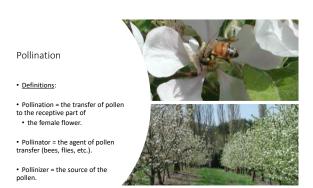


Let's talk about soils

- Well-drained soil is best for all fruit trees
 Apricot and Cherry trees very sensitive to water
- Peach trees are sensitive to water
- Apples are more tolerant to waterlogging (M26 and MM106 exempt)
- Plums tolerant to water
- Pears very tolerant

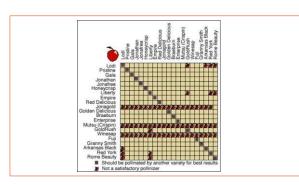














- Sweetheart
- Staccato

Rootstocks and planting



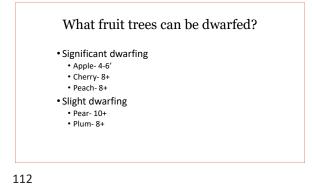
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Should you plant dwarf varieties- or prune to dwarf?

Benefits of dwarfing fruit trees:

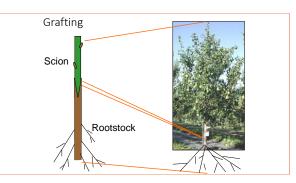
- Safer- little to no ladder work
 - pruning/training
 harvesting
 - spraying
- Begin flowering earlier (precocious)
- Bear fruit earlier
- More Productive
- Less pruning

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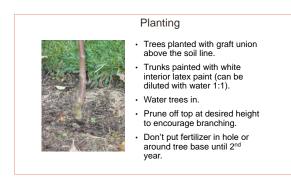






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- Planting
- ✓ Deciduous fruit trees planted bare-root.
- ✓ Planting holes dug wide.
- ✓ Do not fertilize in the planting hole.
- Broken or damaged roots trimmed off.



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Pruning after planting

- Central leader training
- If not branched, head the tree at ~30"
 Allow 4-5 lateral branches to develop (not all from the same location on the trunk)









Accumulated Dry Matter: Example

- Six-year-old Gala trees on M26 roots
- Tree accumulates 10 lbs. DM per year
- 72% to fruit
- 17% to shoots and leaves
- 11% to trunk and roots

Fertilization-pH

Young trees should grow 18-30 inches
Older trees should grow 12-18 inches
pH of 6-7 good, lime every third year

Fertilization

- Apply nitrogen fertilizer during the growing season. (April/May) .5 lb. per tree actual N for trees 1-8 years old
- Early season application will promote growth in the current season.
- Aug-Sep application will be stored in buds for flowers-fruit during the following season. Foliar 1lb. urea for 4 gallons of water

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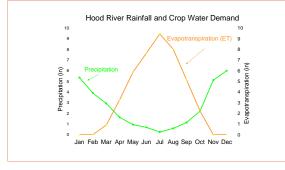


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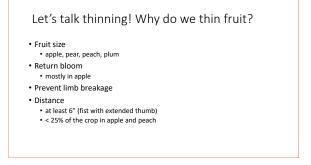
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Irrigation Needs (inches/week)

Roseburg Apples, Cherries									
Pears, Plums	0.1	1.4	3.9	5.7	7.9	6.4	3.4	0.2	0.0
Grants Pass Apples, Cherries	1.3	3.7	6.7	8.2	10.3	8.6	5.4	2.0	0.0
Pears, Plums	1.3	3.5	6.1	7.5	9.5	8.0	4.9	1.9	0.0
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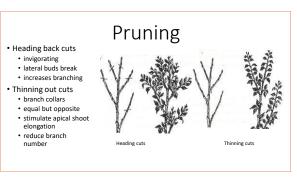




Why Prune?

- Balance vegetative growth and flowering-fruiting
- Pruning + fertilization = vigor, large fruit
- No pruning + heavy crop load = weak trees, small fruit size

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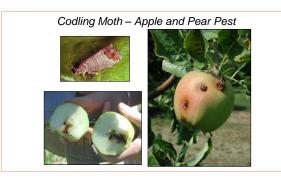








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Site selection

- Climate is important in site selection
- Olives do well with mild winters and warm summers
- Sites that frequently achieve temperatures below freezing will harm or kill the trees
- Review site history (avoid sites where verticillium may be present)
 Assess access to water
- Choose a site with full sun



Soils

- Olives prefer well drained soils
- pH tolerant (6.5-8.5)
- Can grow in marginal soils
- Will perform better in higher quality soils
- Soil profile should be 3-4 feet
- Unstratified



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Fertilizer

- Trees tolerate low fertility better than most any fruit tree
- Too much nutrients lead to excessive vegetation and low fruit
 Nitrogen is most important (40-
- 100 lb N/A in CA) • Boron important trace element
- Better obtained from soil
- Tissue testing in July (CA)

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Irrigation

- Irrigation for establishment
- After is not required for tree survival
- Irrigation requirements not determined for Oregon



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Cold tolerance

Susceptibility to cold is significant limitation Olive cultivars are known to vary in their tolerance of freezing temperatures

Information on relative cold hardiness is scarce



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Growth and Fruit Production

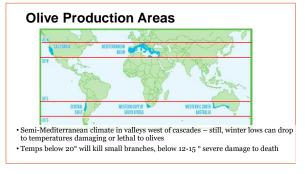
- Alternate bearing
- Olives bear fruit on last year's growth
- Shoot expansion occurs most on non-bearing branches
- Fruiting branches experience less vegetative growth



Olive Propagation

- Dip n Grow (IBA + NAA) and Hormex (IBA) at 2 different rates
- Trials found spring and fall typically best times to propagate
- Mixes of peat, perlite and coir
 1:1 peat:perlite most effective
- Worked with Picual, Leccino, Arbequina, Grignan, Frantoio
- Rooting percentages varied widely, 25-96%





Annual location	Growing Degree Days (GDD) by
	Cordoba, Spain5,220°F Florence, Italy4,129°F
	Nyons, France2,750°F Torbole sul Garda, Italy
	Austin, TX7,024°F Corning, CA5,062°F
	Medford, OR
Base 50°F, Cap 86°F. Source: weatherspark.c	Salem, OR2,437°F com

