

Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)

The Spotted Wing Drosophila has been found in and around Lane County in early April. That is a lot of SWD sightings so early in the growing season, which means that we may get hammered with the insect in most berry crops this year - strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, cherries, peaches, and blackberries.

The SWD attacks soft fruit, such as blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, cherries, and peaches.

Trapping this new critter is very important, so get a few monitoring traps out (see website for trap design). I found that the SWD was quite wide spread last year, so be aware. If it gets really bad, the worst case scenario is that we will get protein with the carbs from the berries.

For more information, visit:

<http://swd.hort.oregonstate.edu/>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/IPPM/index.shtml>