

Greetings and the latest update from Bradley:

Welcome all to July! We again have had a cold, cloudy spring and a cooler than normal beginning to summer. As such, we are seeing a late start to some of the fruiting schedules in our raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries depending on your microclimate. Also, keep a wary eye out for mildew. Try not to over water your fruit in this cool weather. We will all put our energy into good weather, and a sunny August!

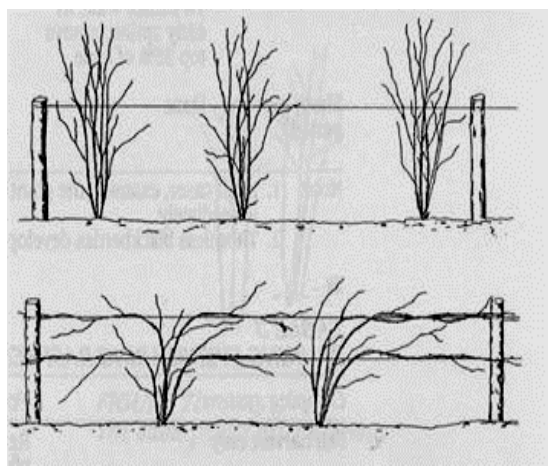


~~~Kami's Summer Message~~~

The Farwest Show

The Farwest Show is a little over a month away. We are busy preparing our booth for the event. We will be located at 2106 & 2108, a booth twice the size as normal! We look forward to seeing you and sharing our berry plant expertise.

*The Farwest Show is held at the Oregon Convention Center August 25th-27th
777 NE ML King Blvd, Portland, OR 97232*



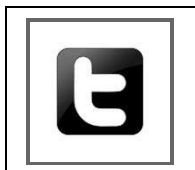
Did You Know? - There are two forms of cultivating methods for the various types of blackberries. There are many key differences in pruning and training between erect and trailing blackberries which include:

- Top the primocanes of erect cultivators during the summer.
- Do not top trailing cultivators during the growing season.
- Shorten the laterals of erect cultivators
- In trailing blackberries, laterals do not need to be pruned.
- If you live in a region with extremely cold winter temperatures, protect canes of trailing cultivators from winter injury by leaving them on the ground and covering them with mulch; train canes on the trellis once the risk of cold temperature has passed.
- Erect cultivators are usually more winter-hardy than trailing cultivators; they don't need to be protected in the winter

-Strik, B.K.. "Growing Blackberries in Your Home Garden". April 1993



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Sue's Little Corner: July is Blackberry Month. Fresh off the vine is a great way to enjoy the berries, but don't stop there. Blackberries are **Great** for jams, jellies, and syrups. This is an excellent way to have the wonderful flavors and health benefits of blackberries all year long. Blackberries also make great milkshakes and fruit smoothies, too. Now is the time to look up the secret family recipe for blackberry pies and cobbler. Any blackberry dessert is always a hit at summer parties, barbeques and family reunions. I have baked plain white or yellow cupcakes (no frosting needed) accompanied by a big bowl of fresh picked and lightly sweetened Blackberries, topped with whipped cream. The only bad thing is I never seem to have any leftovers.