

# WEEKLY MUMMY BERRY UPDATE

(2/21/2022 - 2/27/2022)



This weekly update provides information on the timing of apothecia (mushrooms) development from mummified overwintering berries in Washington's Skagit, Island, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.

The first table shows the percentages of floral and vegetative buds at different developmental stages and indicates when susceptible tissue is available on the plants. The second table shows the apothecial developmental stages from mummies and when ascospores are produced.

Development of mummies and host reflect conditions occurring in one field from each of the four counties that are currently being monitored. There may be differences in the stages of development in other blueberry fields in these same counties, in different counties, or for different blueberry cultivars.








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County	Cultivar	Floral buds				Vegetative buds		
								
		Dormant (%)	Bud swell (%)	Bud break (%)	Tight cluster (%)	Dormant (%)	Bud swell (%)	Early green (%)
Snohomish	Blueray	0	90	10	0	16.7	63.3	20
	Bluecrop	6.7	93.3	0	0	63.3	36.7	0
Skagit	Duke	0	100	0	0	20	76.7	3.3
Island	Aurora	0	100	0	0	23.3	76.7	0
	Legacy	0	10	86.7	3.3	0	93.3	6.7
Whatcom	Rancocas	0	80	20	0	100	0	0
	Bluecrop	0	66.7	33.3	0	30	46.7	23.3
Percentages represent data collected from 30 plants per each cultivar. Red indicates a susceptible stage for infections.								

(Pictures: <https://fieldguide.bcblueberry.com/crop-growth-stages/>; Dr. Dalphy Hartevelde; [https://www.canr.msu.edu/blueberries/growing\\_blueberries/growth-stages](https://www.canr.msu.edu/blueberries/growing_blueberries/growth-stages))

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	Dormant (%)	Germination (%)	Emergence (%)	Differentiation (%)	Sporulation (%)	Finished (%)
Snohomish	65	28	4	3	0	0
Skagit	62	14	15	9	0	0
Island	46	30	13	11	0	0
Whatcom	70	12	13	5	0	0
Percentages represent data collected from 100 mummies in one field from each county. Red indicates release of ascospores.						