

## **What sorts of internet resources are available from UC Cooperative Extension for local berry growers?**

You are in luck because along with our local Cooperative Extension office here in Watsonville, there is an abundance of resources available to local berry growers on the internet.

Strawberry and Caneberry Farm Advisor Mark Bolda maintains a blog in English and Spanish on important berry topics. The word “blog” is short for “web log” and is essentially a website with regular entries of commentary about local berry production and usually accompanied with photos. It is a good way for growers to stay on top of developing events such as new pest problems, production issues and meeting updates. The web addresses of the strawberry and caneberry blogs are:

[http://ucanr.blogs/strawberries\\_caneberries](http://ucanr.blogs/strawberries_caneberries)

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/fresamora>

There are other useful blogs maintained by other Farm Advisors as well in Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria, which have conditions similar to ours in the Pajaro Valley:

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/SalinasValleyAgriculture/>

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/BlackberryGrowerNotes/>

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/BlueberryGrowerNotes/>

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/NotasdelProductordeArándano/>

<http://ucanr.org/blogs/strawberries-vegetables/>

Growers and others should not forget about the UC IPM guidelines which provide the best information available on a catalogue of pests for strawberries and caneberries:

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/crops-agriculture.html>

And lastly, for updates on local Cooperative Extension events such as meetings, new materials and other available resources there is no better place than the Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz website:

<http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/>

Please contact Mark Bolda at UCCE Santa Cruz if you have more questions on this topic or any other topics concerning blackberry, raspberry or strawberry production.

