

OSU Horticulture and USDA Agricultural Research Service

Open House & Field Day, Saturday July 18, 2009 – from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Corvallis research units of the USDA Agricultural Research Service will again join with Oregon State University Department of Horticulture for an open house featuring fruit and vegetable research on their farm east of Corvallis. The 2009 field day is in conjunction with Corvallis' DaVinci Days, and a shuttle bus will be available to carry visitors from Green Town on the OSU Lower Campus to the farm on Peoria Road between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Visitors will have an opportunity to:

- Learn about fruit variety conservation at the USDA Genebank and **sample many of the 600 different blueberry cultivars** that are ripe in mid-July.
- Tour OSU sweet cherry research plots that use **colorful plastic tunnels** to protect trees and hasten ripening.
- Get updates on **exciting new fruit and vegetable varieties** soon to be released by OSU and USDA breeding programs.
- See irrigation research that is helping to **reduce water use while increasing yields** of blueberries and other fruit crops.



Vans will circle the farm, stopping at each of the interpreted stations, or you can walk the short route and get a close look at the fruit and vegetable research at your public agricultural research station.

For more info: 541-738-4200 or <http://www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/corvallis/ncgr>

Directions: Take Hwy 34 east from Corvallis one mile to Peoria Road. Head south on Peoria Road one mile and watch for the Open House sign by the entrance to the OSU Lewis-Brown Horticulture Research Farm and the USDA Genebank - 33447 Peoria Road.