

## Black Raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*) Cultivar Study 2004 (Shawn R. Wright, Richard C. Funt and Brad Bergefurd)

### Introduction

This study was planted to determine the relative yield, harvest season, and fruit characteristics of Mac Black relative to Bristol and Jewel.

### Methods

See our 2002 update (<http://southcenters.osu.edu/hort/data/2002/bberry202.htm>) for information on experimental design and methods. Recommended pest management practices were followed.

### Results

Bristol harvest (June 11-June 25) peaked on June 14, while Jewel (June 14-June 25) peaked near June 18. Mac Black harvest (June 25-July 9) peaked the first week of July.

Average total yield per plant for Bristol was 601 grams, for Jewel was 393 grams, and for Mac Black was 247 grams.

Spring started warmer than in 2003 thus our earlier harvest for Bristol and Jewel, however cooler weather came in late in the season extending Mac Black harvest.

