

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- Botrytis blight has historically been a problem in coastal areas like Parrsboro because wet, foggy weather often occurs for extended periods during bloom.
- Botrytis first sporulates on weeds such as sheep sorrel and then makes the jump to blueberry flowers.
- Once fields reach 50% or more open flowers and Botrytis is observed on blueberry flowers, risk is great if extended wet periods occur.

Monilinia disease symptoms should be appearing soon from infections that took place earlier in May. Growers should check their fields for Monilinia symptoms.

Botrytis blight monitoring was conducted in the Parrsboro area on May 27<sup>th</sup>. No Botrytis was observed on blueberry flowers in the Parrsboro area but Botrytis was observed on sheep sorrel after incubation over night. This means we are in the early stages of the Botrytis disease cycle. No fungicides are required at this time in the Parrsboro area. Open flower estimates were as follows:

Parrsboro Town	10-20%
Glasgow Mountain	1-20%
Woods Mountain	1-5%
Fox Point	1-5%
Diligent River	10%

\*The next Botrytis blight update will be issued on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

\*\*Any questions, please contact Rick Delbridge at 902-678-5329.