

## Express News Tasks

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- Begin your spray program on peaches and apples after the petals drop from the blooms to protect the developing fruit from insects and diseases. Spray Captan and Sevin every week. It is more difficult to protect the fruit with organic sprays but consider a combination of Sulfur products and organic insecticides. Study and follow the instructions on the labels.
- The blackberries are sending up new stems. Now is the last chance you have to remove the spent stems from last year. If they are left in place the thorns make fruit harvest and weed control very difficult.
- To allow full bulb development, thin your onions by harvesting alternate plants for green onions. There should be at least 4 inches between plants. Also side-dress with slow release lawn fertilizer every 3 weeks.
- Paint all pruning wounds on oak trees immediately after they are made with pruning paint (latex paint even works) to prevent oak wilt.