



During the dry, hot weather of a few weeks ago we had numerous complaints that tomatoes were rotting on the lower side or blossom end of the fruit. This occurred on small fruits as well as on fruits almost ripe. This is not a disease but rather a "physiological" condition known as blossom-end rot and is caused by periods of dry weather or by periods of excessive rainfall. In periods of dry weather it can be held in check by providing adequate irrigation. However, don't

wait until you have lost a large percentage of your tomatoes; you should irrigate as soon as lack of sufficient moisture is evident. I examined the tomato plants in my garden a few days ago and found that I had a very poor set of early fruit. They had been in full bloom during the week that we had such cool nights and the blossoms all dropped off instead of setting fruit. I suspect that tomato plants in many gardens reacted the same way as mine. This will

happen when temperatures are abnormally low (65 degrees F. or lower), or when they are excessively high. Sometimes there will be a heavy blossom drop when we have a period of rainy weather. Blossom drop of tomatoes may be prevented - especially in periods of cool weather - by spraying the open blossoms with one of the hormones which sell under the trade names Fruiteone, Sureset, Blossom Set and others. You can obtain these materials at any seed store. In the mountain area it will be necessary to control late blight if you wish to be successful with tomatoes. This is the same disease that attacks Irish potatoes. Use a copper spray such as tribasic copper sulphate or Copper A Compound and keep the plants well covered. Raspberries and dewberries have just about finished bearing for this season in eastern and central North Carolina and now is the time to prune them. To understand why we prune them at this time we should know something about the growth and fruiting habits of these crops. Raspberries and dewberries bear most of their crop on new shoots that come out of canes of last season's wood. Each season after bearing a crop the last season canes will die and their places will be taken by new canes which come up from the root of the plant. The old canes therefore should be removed as soon as the crop is harvested. This practice will give more room for the new canes to develop as well as to get rid of diseased plant material. In eastern North Carolina a slight different procedure is used for dewberries. As soon as the crop is harvested all canes both old and young are removed at the ground. Then the land is cultivated and a top dressing of sulfate of soda is applied a few days after the new shoots will appear and will make sufficient growth during the rest of the season to produce a good crop the next year. This new growth is allowed to run along the ground and is not tied up to stakes until spring. This practice gives a fair crop of anthracnose disease of dewberries. The plant growth that is cut off at the ground should be destroyed by burning in order to get rid of all disease. In the mountain areas the season is not always long enough to permit the removal of the new canes. In that case only the old canes are removed.

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