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## STRAWBERRIES

- A reminder that there was an error in the original version of our pre-season bulletin. Masai MAPP 13082 expires at the end of June 2019. MAPP 18287 has no authorisation for use in soft fruit.
- Diquat was also omitted from the list of revocations. You can buy diquat products until 31<sup>st</sup> July this year but they must be used up by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- Strawberry Aphid is being found in both protected and outdoor crops (pictured, right). This is a good opportunity to use **Batavia** since its systemic activity will take the insecticide down towards the crown where aphids may be since the weather went cooler. In protected crops, Two Spotted Spider activity is being found already, with diapaused females laying eggs and Batavia has very useful activity against this pest as well. It must be applied no less than 14 days before flowering.



## RASPBERRIES

- Check early forced crops for Two Spotted Spider Mite. You will need to spot it early, as there are very limited control options. Apollo and Masai (MAPP 13082 – see note in strawberry section above about use up date) can only be used on outdoor crops. Dynavec/Clayton Abba (MAPP 13331 & 13808) may be used on protected crops until 31<sup>st</sup> May. MAPP 18316 and 18559 Dynavec and Clayton Abba may only be used in glasshouse (permanent protection). *Phytoseiulus persimilis* (**Phytoline** or **Spidex**) can be introduced if temperatures are reaching 14°C or higher in the day, but you need contact between plants for the predators to move about or only treat known hot spots.

## BLACKCURRANTS

- Batavia has been granted an **EAMU** for post-harvest use on outdoor currants and gooseberry for aphid and Gall Mite control. The Movento **EAMU** remains for in-season use in non-cropping plantations.
- Mid-season varieties should get dormancy breaking sprays soon with late varieties such as Ben Alder, Avon and Tirran needing treatment at the end of the month. You need to balance accumulating further chill units against potential bud damage from the stress-inducing dormancy breaking treatments.
- Scale insects (whether Brown Scale or Woolly Currant Scale) can be identified on branches now (pictured right). Discuss timing of insecticide sprays with your agronomist.
- Aphids are being found in some buds, so check your plantations.



## BLUEBERRIES

- The Batavia and Movento EAMUs mentioned in the currant section, also apply to outdoor blueberries.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **Solufeed TEC-SF** is a 'one pot' solution for adding trace elements to your fertigation recipe. The product is now **sodium free**, which has increased the solubility four-fold. It is a no-dust formulation and is available in **standard** and **coir substrate** versions. A full range of **Solufeed trace elements** as sodium-free formulations are available, including their extensive range of iron chelates available as liquids or microgranules. If you are unsure which is the correct iron chelate to use then read this helpful guide [here](#). The full range of **Solufeed** products are available via Hutchinsons.

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