

APPLES

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- With apples maturing rapidly, Gala will be picking imminently and orchards should be tested a minimum of twice weekly to check starch iodine patterns. Pick when they have reached around 80% if they are for long term storage.
- If clones of Braeburn such as NAKB are struggling to colour, there is still an opportunity to apply Cerone, but be aware that this will bring forward maturity in what is an almost unprecedented early picking season, so don't get caught out.
- A reminder that if you have any unopened packs of Movento Top, they should be returned to your distributor as it will be illegal to store after 29th September.
- There should be plenty of opportunity to apply post-harvest foliar nutrition and to protect orchards against canker infection with fungicides. The most wounds occur on trees in the post-harvest period, with scars from fruit picking and more scars as leaves start to fall. Tebuconazole is the most effective option to protect picking scars but captan is useful too. If you have any Deacon left in stock (MAPP 14270) then up to 3 applications can be made at 0.75 l/ha. Fathom (MAPP 17452) can be used once at 0.31 l/ha and is available for sale. Folicur is no longer available. The Emergency Authorisation for Cuprokyt (copper oxychloride) expired in July but is hoped that another will be forthcoming to cover autumn use. Reemeber it is not advised to use urea (5% solution) as a post-harvest spray where canker is an issue, but it is useful for improving bud quality and reducing scab inoculum.
- Hutchinsons are the UK agents for Carolus Trees. Please speak to your agronomist about current availability of trees for this winter or if you want to order trees for 2018/19.

PEARS

- Note the comments on post-harvest nutrition and fungicide sprays in the apple section above.

STRAWBERRIES

- Tarsonemid mites are still active but are now very deep in the crowns and difficult to hit with insecticides. It is still warm enough in tunnels to top up numbers of *Neoseiulus cucumeris*: they will chase the Tarsonemid down into the crowns.

RASPBERRIES

- As expected, the AHDB circulated the Emergency Authorisation for Exirel 10 SE on protected raspberry and blackberry last week. If you need the document it can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/2vFoPdt>. Note the requirement for workers to wear suitable protective clothing when entering treated areas.

BLACKCURRANTS

- The end of this month is the optimum timing for an application of Calypso to control returning aphids in the crop. Calypso at this timing can also control Woolly Currant Scale, but only if applied in a high enough water volume (minimum 400 l/ha), and Wetcit is added (1 litre/1000 litres).

BLUEBERRIES

- The Emergency Authorisation for Exirel 10 SE on protected blueberry, issued last week, can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/2wBDELD>

MISCELLANEOUS

- Look out for details from the AHDB for their annual Soft Fruit Day which will be held at NIAB EMR on 21st November. Hutchinsons agronomists will be attending the AHDB Fruit Agronomists Day at East Malling this coming week.

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