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STRAWBERRIES

- Powdery Mildew disease pressure is increasing and the danger now is damage to fruit.
- There remain hot spots of Two-Spotted Spider Mite and Potato Aphid. If you have any populations of Potato Aphid that appear to have not been adequately controlled by insecticide applications, please let your Hutchinsons' agronomist know. We are involved in a project with Rothamsted Research looking at resistance in aphid populations and would like to send a sample for investigation.
- Keep checking for Blossom Weevil in 60 day and everbearer crops.
- SWD counts in traps are very site specific but rising in some instances. Crop hygiene is vital, with removal of rots and disposal of mis-shapes and under-size fruit essential. Use the proper disposal techniques to destroy any SWD in fruits.
- Capsid activity can be expected to rise again soon.

RASPBERRIES

- Two-Spotted Spider Mite populations are rapidly building again, and some aphids starting to re-appear. Biocontrols can be used for the spider mite, but when simply getting pickers through without damaging canes is difficult, getting a sprayer through for aphid treatment (Calypso has a 3 day harvest interval) is an option of last resort.
- Cane Midge traps are catching decent numbers but very little significant Cane Blight is being seen. If SWD starts to build, then the use of Decis will knock back midge populations as well.
- Blackberries (and hybrid berries) need to be protected for Downy Mildew, Bramble Shoot Webber, *Botrytis* and Mites (Berry and Spider).

BLACKCURRANTS

- In some crops there are pockets of Two-Spotted Spider Mite that justify treatment. Options are Masai or Envidor (7 and 14 day harvest intervals respectively). Envidor will also give some control of Woolly Scale.
- There are also some lingering aphid populations. For a rapid result use Calypso, but Plenum is an option on later harvesting varieties.
- With gooseberry harvest underway, if you need to provide cover for Powdery Mildew, then Potassium Bicarbonate + Wetcit can be used with no harvest interval.

BLUEBERRIES

- Light Brown Apple Moth catches in pheromone traps have risen, so you should be looking to protect ripening crops by applying an insecticide. Don't forget to change the lures every 6 weeks. Tracer is approved for SWD control but is also effective on caterpillars, but it is not very IPM-friendly. Hallmark Zeon may be used on outdoor crops only, and Pyrethrum 5EC in all situations. They again are not IPM-friendly but will also give incidental control of SWD. Coragen and Dimilin Flo are approved for outdoor blueberries but both have a 14 day harvest interval and will not give adequate control of SWD. Explicit has a 7 day harvest interval and can be used outdoors and in protected crops but also gives you no SWD control.

MISCELLANEOUS

- With the PYO season coming up, don't forget that Produce Packaging can supply all your packaging needs for soft fruit crops. Available from stock at Hutchinsons depots at Marden, Ledbury, and Forfar or ordered for delivery via Produce Packaging Head Office at Marden. www.producepackaging.co.uk
- Please note the new BASIS CPD number at the foot of this bulletin which applies from 1st June.

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