

## APPLES

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- Nectria eye rot is showing now, but due to a dry period during flowering, amounts are lower than average. Using Bellis or Switch pre-harvest will reduce spread from infected fruit to clean fruit in store, but you should try to reduce risk by thinning off fruits showing symptoms or discarding them at picking.
- Extension growth has stopped on most cropping trees. Newly planted trees may need some further Powdery Mildew cover on new leaves still emerging.
- Picking dates are anticipated to be at least 10 days earlier than last year. This may make cider apples easier to shake as well, but you can discuss with your agronomist about the use of Cerone pre-harvest to encourage ripening.
- You should be starting a programme of phosphorous sprays (Seniphos or Wuxal Top P) to aid colouring.
- In most locations, Codling and Tortrix numbers have declined to below threshold. There is a chance of a partial second generation of Codling, particularly if the weather improves, so keep checking your traps and keep the lures up to date.
- Codling Moth damage is being found in cider orchards, especially in the juicing varieties like Katy and Fiona, but can also be found in bittersweets as well. The damage will be sites of entry for Brown Rot. If you see damage in orchards this year, it will be worth putting out pheromone traps next year to monitor numbers, as high Codling activity in the previous year is usually strongly correlated with high numbers in the following year. If Brown Rot is a concern, Switch or Bellis will give some protection against the disease.
- Remain vigilant for Fruit Tree Red Spider Mite and Rust Mite activity, although cooler conditions should mean that predatory mites (Typhs) will keep up with the pest, assuming you have adequate numbers in orchards.
- The second generation of Summer Fruit Tortrix can be a threat to later harvested varieties, so keep traps monitored in those crops.
- Prognosfruit is taking place this week in Spain, where the World Apple and Pear Association will issue its estimate of the Northern Hemisphere apple and pear crops.

## PEARS

- Pre-harvest fungicides (Bellis or Switch) can be applied for rot control.

## PLUMS

- The AHDB has secured an emergency authorisation for Cuprokyt for use post-harvest on plums, cherries and apricots for bacterial canker control. You can download the document at <http://bit.ly/2vwJM9Z>. Up to four applications of 2 l/ha are permitted
- Some sites are still catching significant Plum Moth numbers in traps. Be careful with first pick on Victoria as it is not unusual for the ripest fruits to be the ones that have a plum moth larva in them.

## CHERRIES

- Note the approval in the plum section for Cuprokyt for bacterial canker.
- Any late picking sites will be at high risk of SWD attack now. The AHDB have issued a further warning indicating that a significant rise in SWD numbers can be expected over the next few weeks.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The East Kent Fruit Society winning orchard walk is planned for 15<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30 p.m. More details from the Secretary [traceyrose7@btinternet.com](mailto:traceyrose7@btinternet.com)
- We look forward to seeing growers at the NACM Orchard & Machinery Day at Weston's, Much Marcle this Wednesday.

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