



“Fruit Facts” – Sunday, March 31st, 2024
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Happy Easter!!

Happy Easter, happy spring, and happy almost April!

To Do Today

- There is a **scab infection event** predicted for Monday night into Tuesday. At this point, although conditions are conducive for scab infection, there has only been enough heat accumulation for a small percentage of spores to be ready to discharge. **Wayne county lakeside sites are likely to experience a more significant infection.** In blocks with high historic scab pressure, and those in Wayne county near the lake, consider applying **Captan or Mancozeb** as a preventative if you are able to today or tomorrow.
- A few blocks still have time to apply a **green tip** application of a high (>15%) metallic copper equivalent (MCE) **copper** fungicide (e.g. Badge, Champ, Cuprofix, Kocide). **Avoid copper after ¼” green on fresh varieties, or after ½” green on processing blocks** (rule of thumb - see label for product-specific directions).
- Tomorrow could be a window to apply 2% oil to help control woolly apple aphid, other aphids, mites, scale insects including san jose scale, and pear psylla. However, **do not use oil within 10 day before or after a Captan application.**
- **Pear psylla** has been spotted this week. If you have historically high psylla populations and want to use something stronger as well as oil, you can apply Actara, Centaur, Delegate, Esteem, Exirel or Sivanto Prime (or check the tree fruit recommends for other options).

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