



## **“Fruit Facts” – Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**Apple Scab:** A significant apple scab infection event is predicted across the region for this week – between Wednesday/Thursday/Friday depending on your location and microclimate.

The goal is to get a spray (likely **Captan (no captan within 10 days of an oil application)** or **Mancozeb**) as close to the beginning of the rains as possible, without missing the window; today is likely your best bet if you didn't get a spray on yesterday.

**Stone Fruits:** Open stone fruit blossoms are susceptible to brown rot blossom blight. Brown rot / blossom blight infection is likely when the following conditions are met:

1. Open flowers
2. Temperatures over 70F
3. A wetting event.

Consider an application of chlorothalonil (**Bravo, Echo, etc**) or iprodione (**Rovral**) if you have blocks with open blossoms.

### **To Do Today**

#### **Apples:**

- Apply any scab protectant product (i.e. **Captan** or **Mancozeb**), unless you covered your blocks in the last day or so.
- **Avoid copper after ¼” green on fresh varieties, or after ½” green on processing blocks** (rule of thumb - see label for product-specific directions).
- Apply 2% oil, **unless you are within 10 days of a Captan application** (before or after).

#### **Stone Fruits:**

- If you have any blocks with open flowers, apply chlorothalonil or another brown rot protectant product.

### **On The Horizon**

- Depending how well covered you are going into this week's rain event, you may want to apply a product with kickback (i.e. dodine (**Syllit**)) after the rains end (probably on Saturday).

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