



“Fruit Facts” –Tuesday, May 1st, 2025

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- **Significant scab infection predicted for this evening across the entire region.** You may still have time to cover blocks this morning if you have any that are unprotected, or you may want to come in after the rains using a product with kickback.
 - Powdery mildew has already been seen in several blocks. If you see powdery mildew on terminal clusters, consider using Inspire Super to double up scab and PM protection.
 - This may be a good opportunity for a Dodine application (for blocks with low PM pressure).
 - Avoid Captan if you have applied or plan to apply oil within 10 days.
- ****Mainly relevant to inland farms away from the lake****

IF you have any open bloom on early varieties, and IF you see temps above 60F predicted at your location, and IF you experienced a fire blight outbreak last year, you may want to consider applying an antibacterial product (Strep, Kasumin, Blossom Protect, etc) if you have time yet today. Strep has the best kickback activity, so would be a good choice if you suspect a fire blight event but do not get a spray on before the rain.

 - **If you do not have open flowers, there is no risk of fire blight in that block!**
 - You may want to include Regulaid with your initial Strep application. **Do not tank mix a thinner with Regulaid!**



Early powdery mildew on terminal leaves. Photo by Elizabeth Tee.

Stone Fruits

- **Stone fruit brown Rot management has now begun.** Although the optimal range for pathogen development is above 60F, blossom infection can occur at any temperature above 32F. If you have a history of blossom blight, and especially for nectarine growers, rotate fungicides from pre-bloom through petal fall. There are many labeled products available (see Recommends), including **Rovral 4 flowable (which may provide 24hr “kickback” activity) and chlorothalonil/Bravo (avoid when bees are foraging, if possible).** Organic options for brown rot include **Double Nickel and Oso.**

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