



**“Fruit Facts” – Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
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**This is the last regularly-scheduled Fruit Facts of the 2025 season!**

This is the last “regular” issue of Fruit Facts for 2025; we will continue to send out issues as important information comes up regarding horticultural or pest management recommendations, but will no longer be sending out weekly newsletters.

We are transitioning now to the CCE LOF Fruit Maturity report produced by Craig Kahlke. Please don’t forget to sign up for the Harvest Maturity Report – see details below for subscription.

As always feel free to contact either Mario or Janet by email, text or phone call with any questions!

**Have a very successful harvest!**

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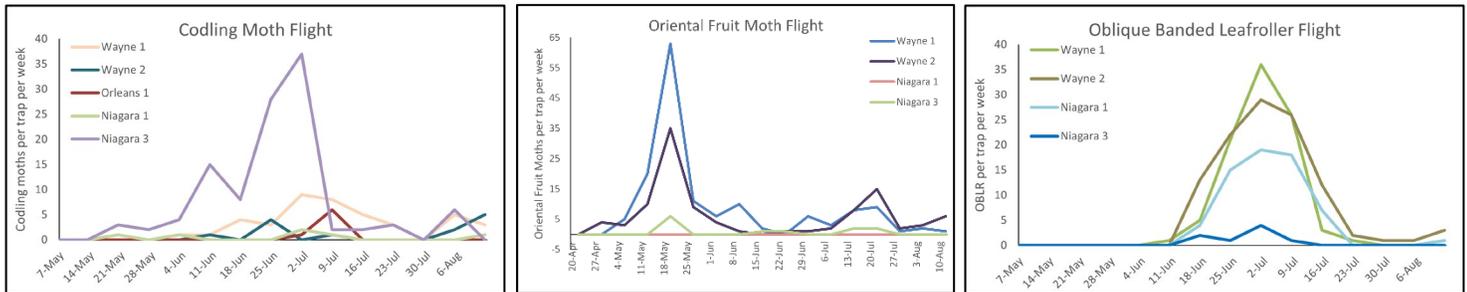
**Look for the first Harvest Maturity Report in ~2 weeks.** Testing will begin on Wildfire Gala, Premier Honeycrisp, Ginger Gold, and Zestar! Your \$75 subscription (if in the Lake Ontario Fruit Program partner counties of Niagara, Monroe, Orleans, Oswego and Wayne) gets you critical information on a weekly basis during apple harvest. Fruit samples are collected early in the week from across the region and sampled for internal ethylene concentration, firmness, starch/iodine, and total soluble solids. Results are summarized and recommendations for harvest windows of major apple and pear varieties are either faxed or emailed to subscribers later in the week. Satellite subscribers outside of the four county regions can receive reports as well, for \$100. Not sure if you’ve subscribed this season? Contact Zayda Rose Moyle at [zrm24@cornell.edu](mailto:zrm24@cornell.edu) or 585-798-4265, ext. 122.

You can also use this link (<https://lof.cce.cornell.edu/enrollment.php>) to subscribe for any of our supplemental publications (Fruit Facts & Harvest Maturity Reports) if you are already enrolled in our program.

**To Do Today**

- **Apple scab** continues to infect many orchards. Keep your fungicide program going if you see scab symptoms. Rotate between single-site products such as Cevya (0day PHI), Merivon (0day PHI), Tesaris (0day PHI), Rhyme (14day PHI); Flint Extra (14day PHI), Luna Sensation (14day PHI), Aprovia (30day PHI), and Sovran (30day PHI).
- **Summer diseases** such as **sooty blotch and flyspeck, black rot, white rot and bitter rot** management continues now through harvest.
  - Products that are effective for SBFS, and black, white, and bitter rots include Flint Extra (14day PHI), Inspire Super (14day PHI), Luna Sensation (14day PHI), Merivon (0day PHI), and Pristine (0day PHI).

- **In general, fungicide covers for the rots go on every 14 days**, but remember that 1.5” of rainfall would trigger a re-cover (rule of thumb, varies some by product).
- **We are now beginning another flight for Codling Moth, Oriental Fruit Moth and Oblique Banded Leafroller.** Sometime later this week will be the best timing to target larvae, IF trapcatch numbers in your orchard are high. So far, numbers at farms where I am monitoring are not above threshold, so some growers may not need a late summer worm spray this year.
  - Any orchards with continued high trap catch of OFM or CM may want to put a cover on this week to keep fruit clean through to the end of harvest, and to remove the overwintering generation to get a head start on next year. Low PHI options for pome fruits to control moths include: Spear Lep (applied along with a Bt k product; Oday PHI), Exirel (3day PHI), Altacor (5day PHI), and Assail and Delegate (7day PHI).



- **Brown marmorated stink bug** is likely to begin to move into orchards around this timing. If you plan to monitor for BMSB, put those traps and lures up now. Across the state BMSB numbers have been low this year. However, if you have a history of damage in your blocks, effective materials include Brigade (30day PHI), Beseige (21day PHI), and Leverage 360 (7day PHI).
- **Apple maggot fly** numbers are still below threshold in the traps where I am monitoring. Threshold for a non-baited trap is a 2 apple maggot flies per week per trap. A highly recommended AM product is the neonicotinoid Assail (7day PHI). Other AM management options include the diamides (which double up for lep protection): Altacor (5day PHI) and Exirel (3day PHI), the organophosphate Imidan (7day PHI), and the pyrethroids: Baythroid (7day PHI) and Danitol and Mustang Maxx (both 14day PHI).

### Berries and soft skinned fruits:

- **Spotted wing drosophila numbers have sharply increased in our traps the past two weeks. Keep tight insecticide coverage on all susceptible crops through until the end of harvest.**
  - Reapplication should happen every 7 days for products with an “excellent” efficacy and every 4-5 days for softer chemistries with a “good” or less efficacy.
  - For insecticide options for SWD, view the SWD Insecticide Quick Guide for Berries (updated in 2025) and the 2024 Cherry Fruit Fly Quick Guide (updated in 2024).

### Stone fruits:

- **Cherry leaf spot** has been seen in several orchards this summer. If you had yellowing leaves and defoliation on your cherry trees this summer, consider a post-harvest chlorothalonil application to help prevent the fungus from spreading and overwintering. If you have cherry leaf spot symptoms now, this fall would be a good year to try using urea or a brush hog to break down fallen leaves in the fall, and to use a dormant copper application either this fall or next spring.

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