
TREE PEST UPDATES

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ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH

3rd BIOFIX: The third flight began about **June 18th**.

HOST CROPS: Peaches, Nectarines, (rarely Apricot, Plums)

PEST ID and DAMAGE: This worm is white to pink in color with a black to brown head. It usually enters the fruit at the stem end and heads directly to the pit where they like to feed. It can be difficult to see this damage until the fruit is cut open. They rarely cause damage to the outside of the fruit. They also bore into the terminal shoots like Peach Twig Borer (PTB).

TREATMENT AND TIMING: There are only a few orchards in this area that have had problems with this pest. If you've had a problem in the past and significant trap catches this season, you may need to treat. Look in the tree tops - if you see *any* OFM fruit damage or a significant number of shoot strikes from the last flight, apply a spray. If your trap counts are low and you have not had problems with this pest in the past, you probably don't need to treat.

Sprays are best applied 500 degree days after the biofix. This is projected to occur **July 5th OR 17 days after your own biofix**. If fruit is beginning to color, you may want to apply the spray at 400 DD which is projected to occur on **July 2nd OR 14 days after your own biofix**.

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