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September Reminders

Watch for plague thrips during blossom – All crops

Start monitoring for Apple Dimple Bug (pink stage onwards) – Apples

Start scab cover sprays – Apples & Pears

Woolly aphid butt drench or fertigation applications - Apples

Setup Codling Moth traps – Apples and Pears

Mating disruption – Apples and Pears

Start monitoring Mealybug - Pears

Weekly Weather Outlook links

Detailed weather for all areas

- <u>Tatura</u>
- <u>Shepparton</u>
- <u>Cobram</u>
- <u>Coldstream (Yarra Valley)</u>
- Lysterfield
- Pakenham
- Moorooduc (Mornington Peninsula)
- Harcourt
- Drouin

Around the Orchards



Agronomic Advice

Aphid – over the last 4-5 years seeing an increase of populations where excess insecticides are used. Monitor and only spray if no parasitism seen.

Thrips – monitor daily during warm spells, try to avoid using synthetic pyrethroids where possible.

LBAM – always look for a second peak of moth numbers prior to setting a biofix. Egg hatch

predicted for 22-23 September (GV). Bt's (Dipel) best control this time of year and do not disrupt IPM.

AppleDimpleBug – Always a challenge to decide best chemistry to avoid disrupting IPM, key is regular monitoring and protect king bloom. If using Neonics or Organophosphates, apply at Pink to avoid disrupting bees over blossom.

QFF – when resetting traps this season noticed high numbers of dead overwintered QFF which suggests a spike post harvest last season. Wet weather outlook means a high-pressure season for QFF ahead, be setup for baiting earlier than normal this season.

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