

CROPWATCH

6 October 2020

October Reminders

Fruit Growers Victoria

Watch for plague thrips during blossom – All crops

Monitoring for Apple Dimple Bug (pink stage onwards) – Apples

Scab cover sprays – Apples & Pears

Finish Woolly aphid soil drench or fertigation applications - Apples

Watch Western Flower Thrips – Apples/Cherries/Stonefruit

CM Mating disruption – Apples and Pears

Monitor Mealybug – Pears

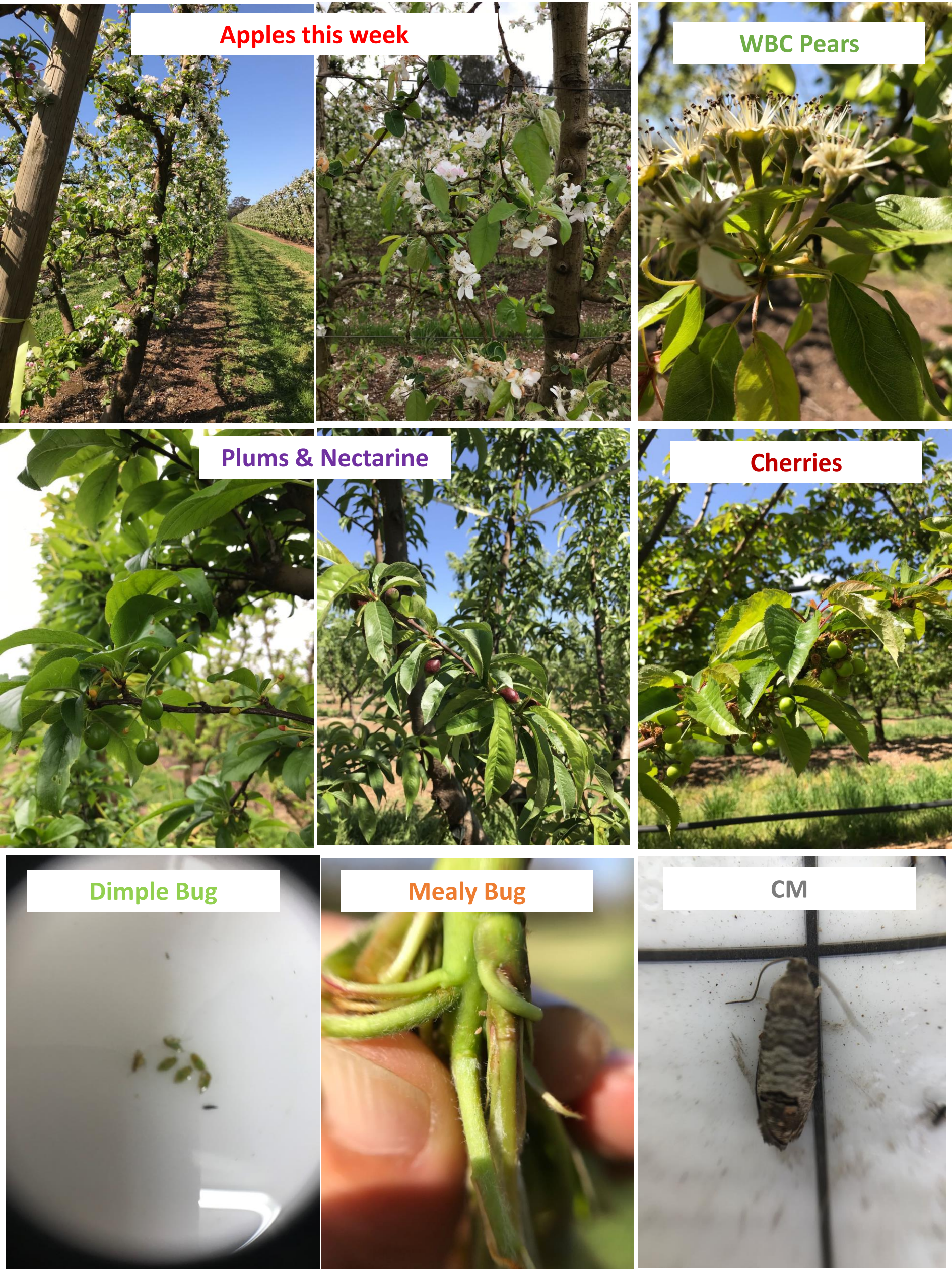
Watch late aphids – Stone fruit

Weekly Weather Outlook links

Detailed weather for all areas

- [Tatura](#)
- [Shepparton](#)
- [Cobram](#)
- [Coldstream \(Yarra Valley\)](#)
- [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.

Apple Dimple Bug – Always a challenge to decide best chemistry to avoid disrupting IPM. Maintain regular monitoring. Seen this week in plague numbers

QFF – Wet weather outlook means a high-pressure season for QFF ahead, be setup for baiting earlier than normal this season, QFF found in traps this week.

Earwigs – Some light feeding damage on pear buds showing traces damage, earwigs are great predators so only a concern when numbers extremely high and in tree guards.

Apple & Pear scab – Recent wet weather and forecasted wet spring will see higher pressure season for scab, always apply preventative sprays close to possible infection rain events and curatives within kickback periods stated on product labels.

Western Flower Thrip – Highest risk period leading into petal fall in apples and just prior to shuck fall in nectarines when juvenile WFT can feed causing silvering.

Mealybug – Finding mixed populations in blocks where excessive pesticides are being used in previous season.

Codling Moth – Some GV biofixes set for high pressure blocks for the 1st October and egg hatch being 19th October. Ensure Mating Disruption blocks have traps clear of pheromone ties so that trap numbers are not effected and correct biofix can be set. If applying Insegar, ensure it is applied prior to egg lay and follow the label. Cooler weather also good for virus to be included in sprays.

Links of interest

Maximise Efficacy of chemical thinners

<https://www.treefruit.com.au/orchard/management/crop-growth-management/item/441-maximise-efficacy-of-chemical-thinners-part-3>

Western Flower Thrip – WSU article

<http://treefruit.wsu.edu/crop-protection/opm/western-flower-thrips/>

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