

CROPWATCH

20 October 2020

October Reminders

Fruit Growers Victoria

Watch heliothis and looper – Apples

Bait spray for QFF on stonefruit

Scab cover/curative sprays – Apples & Pears

Codling Moth sprays – Apples and Pears

Monitor Mealybug – Pears

Watch late aphids – stone fruit

Secondary thinning sprays – Apples/Pears

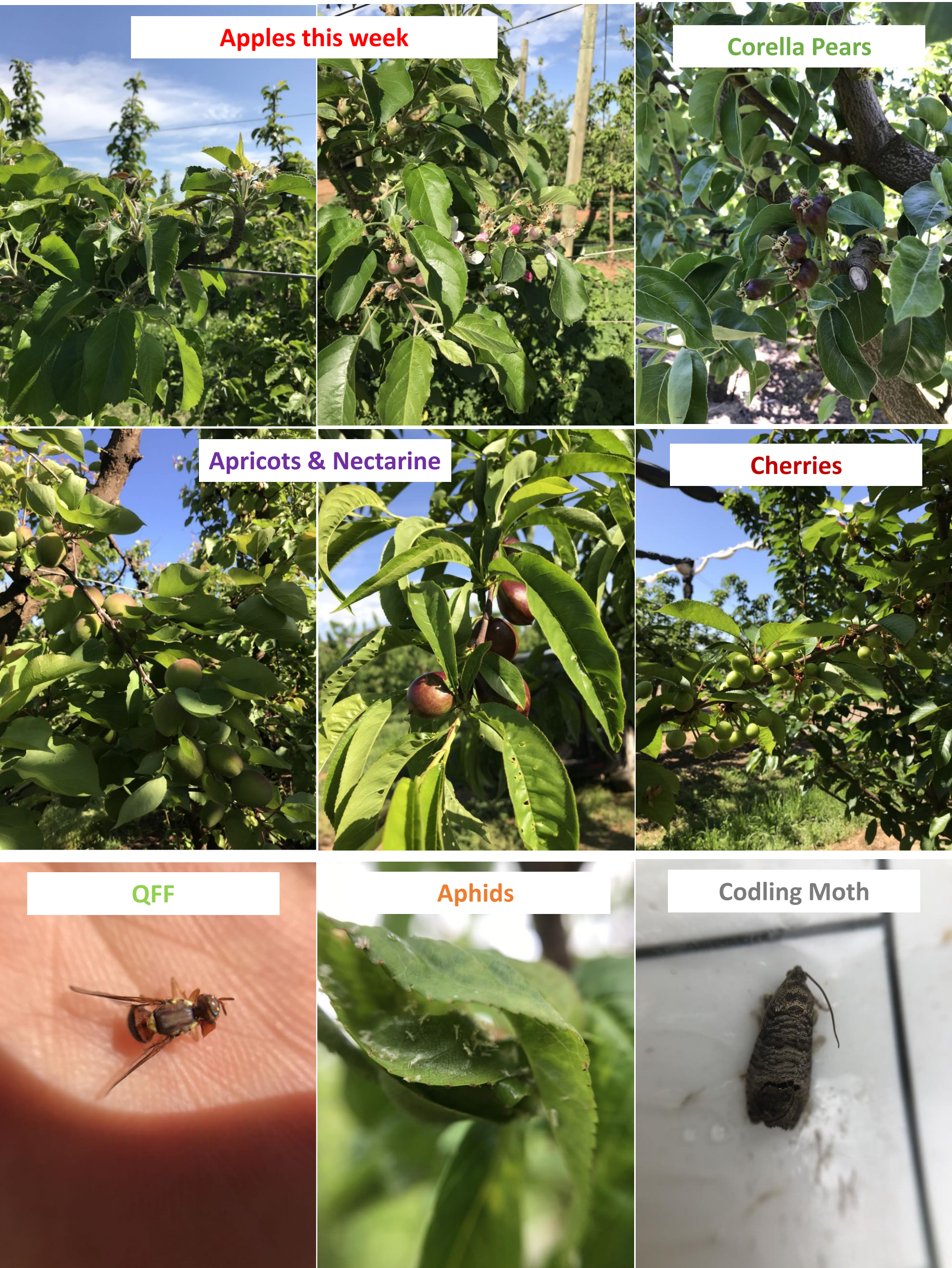
GA sprays - Cherries

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.

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.

Start baiting immediately after rain events on stone fruit.

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.

Mealybug – Finding mixed populations in blocks where excessive pesticides are being used in previous season. Time to start checking water shoots as well as fruit.

Codling Moth – Some GV biofixes set for high pressure blocks for the 1st October and egg hatch being 19th October. Ensure cover is kept until 1st Generation is complete. 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.

Heliothis/Looper – Always a risk petal fall onwards and prior to first CM spray.

Links of interest

PGR's and Thinning strategies – MSU article

https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/files/AABI/Thinning_Stratiges_2018.pdf

Pear chemical thinning trials – Sally Bound

<http://apal.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/APAL-Pear-Masterclass-Sally-Bound-Chemical-thinning.pdf>

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