

CROPWATCH

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November Reminders

Fruit Growers Victoria

Bait spray for QFF on Stonefruit

Scab cover/curative sprays – Apples & Pears

Brown Rot – Stonefruit & Cherries

Codling Moth sprays – Apples and Pears

Monitor Mealybug – Pears

Start mite monitoring – all crops

Carpophyllus Beetle - Stonefruit

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

QFF – Wet, and warm weather 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. Cut earlier maturing varieties and look for larvae. Post harvest baiting just as important as pre harvest.

Apple & Pear scab – Recent wet weather will increase infection in trees if primary infection has not been controlled.

Brown Rot – High pressure season, ensure adequate cover prior to infection periods and curatives post infection, monitor WHP's especially for export.

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

Codling Moth – Watch for increase in numbers for 2nd COHORT of the 1st Generation mid November and apply controls accordingly. Generally covers need to be kept on up to end of December in warmer regions.

Two Spotted Mites – Start monitoring for two spotted mites in tree centres, also make note of predatory mites if present. Wet weather will help with predatory mite populations. Early detection of two spotted mites helps with early control.

Carpophyllus Beetle – Still a major problem for peaches and nectarines, unfortunately broad-spectrum insecticides still being used. More recently introduced insecticides being trialled. Post harvest control as important as pre harvest.

Links of interest

Queensland Fruit Fly – DAF.QLD article

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/plants/fruit-vegetable/insect-pests/queensland-fruit-fly>

Codling Moth Emergence – Dave Williams

<https://extensionaus.com.au/ozapplepearipdm/codling-moth-emergence/>

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