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## Important Message for Fruit Growers of Jammu Division.

The fruit growers of Jammu Division are hereby advised to adopt the following cultural and protective measures during the month of <u>April 2019</u> for better management of their orchards.

#### GENERAL:

- 1. Keep the orchard area clean from all types of unwanted wild growth.
- 2. Remove off shoots / water sprouts from the young plants as and when they emerge.
- 3. Whitewash exposed trunks/stems with mixture of Slaked lime & Copper Sulphate against Fungal diseases.
- 4. Support the young plants for their upright growth.
- 5. Use insect traps such as light traps, yellow pan sticky traps and pheromones to check insect-pests attack.
- Use Bio-control agents such as Trichoderma to control soil borne diseases.
- 7. Use Bio-fertilizers like Azotobactor, Azosphyrillum, Phosphobacteria, VAM etc. to enhance soil fertility.
- 8. Vermicompost should be added in the soil to enrich soil with macro and micro nutrients thereby strengthening and increasing water holding capacity of soil.

#### MANGO -

- Spray Dimethoate @ 1ml/litre or Carbaryl 50WP @ 2gm/litre of water against Mango Hopper
- 2. For the control of Mealy Bug:
  - (i) Treat the basins with 2% Methyl Parathion dust @ 250gm/basin.
  - (ii) Use alkathene or sticky greese bands 15-20 cm wide by tying around trunks 0.5 m above the ground level.
  - (iii) Spray Imidacloprid @ 1ml/litre of water.
- 2. Spray Dinocap @ 0.5ml/litre or Wettable Sulphur @2gm/ litre of water against Powdery Mildew.
- 3. For control of Mango Anthracnose, Spray Carbendazim @ 0.5gm/litre of water at 15 days interval.

#### CITRUS

- 1. Apply half of Urea in April after fruit set if not applied in March.
- 2. Provide thatches/covers to the young Citrus plants but ensuring free circulation of air.
- 3. Spray 2,4D @ 10mg/litre of water against Fruit drop.
- 4. Spray Zinc Sulphate @ 3gm/litre of water if Zinc deficiency symptoms are observed.

#### GRAPES

1. Remaining half dose of Urea and MOP be applied after fruit set.

2. Spray Carbendazim @ 0.5 gm/ litre of water against Anthracnose in last week of April and repeat at 10-15 days interval.

#### LITCHI

- 1. Apply remaining half of Urea during last week of April to improve the fruit quality.
- Spray Zinc Sulphate @ 1.5gm/litre or Gibberalic acid @ 40mg/litre of water at weekly intervals against fruit cracking.
- 3. Spray N.A.A. @ 30-40m.g/litre or Gibberalic acid @ 20-50 mg/litre of water against fruit drop.
- 4. Spray Methyl Parathion 50 EC @ 1ml/litre of water against Nut Borer.

#### ANAR

1. For control of Anar Butterfly, spray of Cypermethrin 10EC @ 7 ml / 10 litres of water or 25EC @ 3ml / 10litres of water should be carried out. Repeat spray after 15 days.

#### APPLE AND PEAR

- 1. Spray against Scab at Pinkbud stage (Mid April to ending April) with Dodine 65WP @ 60gm/100 litres or Fenarimol 12 EC @ 40 ml/ 100 litres or Bittertanol 25 WP @ 50gms/100 litres of water.
- 2. Spray Chloropyriphos 20 EC @ 100ml/100 litres of water 3 to 4 days after spray against Scab as a prophylactic measure against Blossom Thrip.

## STONE FRUITS (PEACH, PLUM, APRICOT)

- 1. Spray Copper Fungicide @ 3gm/litre of water at post bloom/fruit set stage during 1st fortnight to 2nd fortnight.
- 2. Spray Chloropyriphos 20 EC @ 100ml/100 litres of water or Malathion @ 50 ml/ 100 litres of water for control of Aphid/Mite attack, 3 to 4 days after Copper Compound spray.

### FRUIT PLANT NURSERIES

- 1. Removal of off shoots/weeds and hoeing of nursery beds, mother plant basins.
- 2. Drenching of young nursery stocks of Apple and Pear with Carbendazim @ 1gm/litre of water as prophylactic measures against Damping off/ Root rot.

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