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### Answers for All: Fruit Update – 4/7/23

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Farm Visits – It's been great finally getting around to seeing some of you this week. I missed being out on the road and you've all given me much to consider as we move forward in our first season together. I have more visits planned for next week. Please get in touch if you want to connect! Email: [evan.lentz@uconn.edu](mailto:evan.lentz@uconn.edu)

Dormant Oils – Dormant oils seem to be a hot topic right now. I see that some of you made your applications this past week, that's great. Please remember to watch the nighttime temperatures. Applications should not be made within 24-48 hours of freezing temperatures. [Check out the IPM website for more information on dormant/delayed dormant oil applications.](#)

Fireblight Update – I attended multiple webinars this winter about the state of fireblight around the Northeast. Cornell is reporting instances of *Strep*-resistant fireblight. I will have an article coming out in the next Crop Talk Newsletter giving an update on this and what we can do to combat it. For now, rest assured that **there is no streptomycin-resistant fireblight in Connecticut.**

Mummy Berry – As always, make sure to mulch your blueberries if you have not already. Forsythia bloom coincides with mummy berry spore maturation – that's now. Let's keep an eye on the weather, although the forecast looks good. Note: They are susceptible as soon as your vegetative buds show any green. Check out this [factsheet from MSU](#) for information on the disease. If you have a history of this disease, confer with [New England Small Fruit Management Guide](#) for information on fungicide applications.

Blueberry Workshop – Mary Concklin and I attended a blueberry workshop for Massachusetts growers last week. We presented growers with pruning and aisle management considerations. Here are the materials we handed out there: 1) [Blueberry Pruning Guide](#) and 2) [Blueberry Weed Management Quick Reference](#).

Peach Crop – Not too much optimism for our peach crop this year. You may want to check out [Win Cowgill's "Managing Peach Blocks with No Crop"](#) article on what to do with your trees this season if they have no fruit. Also, please feel free to subscribe to and support [UMass's Healthy Fruit Newsletter](#) (\$75.00/year). It's filled with great information from our local fruit experts.

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