



## Fruit Update – 6/2/23

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### Reporting Your Crop Loss:

- Please, if you have not done so already, report your crop loss from the February and May cold weather events here → [https://www.cognitofirms.com/CTDoAg/\\_2023GrowerCropLossReport](https://www.cognitofirms.com/CTDoAg/_2023GrowerCropLossReport)
- Everyone should be doing this, even if I collected your information over the phone. If you need help accessing the form or need help filling it out, just let me know and I can do it for you.
- So far, only 25 people have reported losses. It totals \$4,591,800.00.

### Apple:

Thinning – This is already a tough topic and, with the damage from the frost event on May 18, it may be even more difficult to make thinning decisions. I would consult the [NEWA Carbohydrate Thinning Model](#) and then assess your damage. Some guidance is below:

- If you have less than 30% damage in your orchard, thin normally based on the model.
- If you have 30-60% damage, reduce rates in addition to the model suggestions.
- If you have more than 60% damage, do not apply thinners.

Coddling Moth (CM) – Sustained capture for CM occurred on May 10 in central Connecticut. This puts the first-generation emergence right around now (220-250 DD). Sprays to control this pest should be made now, especially if you have a history of this pest. Certain materials labeled for CM (Besiege, Minecto Pro, Verdepryn 100SL, Exirel) also provide good control for Plum Curculio.

### Peach:

Peach Leaf Curl – We're finding plenty of this out there currently. Although unsightly, there is nothing to be done at this point. This disease is managed when there is little to no foliage on the trees, either in the fall or early spring. More information is [here](#).

### Strawberry:

Harvest – June-bearing plants are already providing their first harvest. After such an interesting beginning to the season, it's great to see fruit being harvested. Just make sure to keep them watered.

### Blueberries:

Assessing Damage – It may be that some of your damage is not as severe as you initially thought. A good way to tell is if the fruit is actively growing and sizing up. Fruit that is completely damaged from the frost should be well on its way to falling off the plant. If the fruit is hanging on, is green, and is sizing up, you're good.

Cranberry Fruitworm – We are at petal fall for much of the state. You may want to consider preparing for a petal fall spray application in the next few days, especially if you had an issue with this pest in the past.

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