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PREFACE

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This is your personal copy of the **2023/2024 New Jersey Commercial Tree Fruit Production Guide**. **Do not use previous editions for pesticide recommendations. Keep previous copies on file for pesticide records.** This guide is based on Rutgers and U.S. Department of Agriculture research results, combined with industry and grower knowledge and experience.

The authors welcome constructive criticism and suggestions from growers and industry personnel who may wish to help improve future editions of this publication.

The New Jersey State Agricultural Development Committee adopted the Tree Fruit Production Guide as the commercial tree fruit production agricultural management practice (AMP) N.J.A.C. 2:76-2A.6 to protect commercial farm operations from private and public nuisance lawsuits. Updates to this guide are not automatically included in the AMP.

This fruit production guide is intended for the **commercial grower**. The proper choice of the herbicide, pesticide, and plant growth regulators is the individual fruit grower's responsibility. This guide is intended to facilitate decision-making. This guide is not a substitute for pesticide labeling. **Read the label before applying any pesticide.**

This guide will be updated as changes in labels and restrictions warrant. All necessary and important changes in recommendations will be announced at twilight fruit meetings and posted in the Plant Pest Advisory Newsletter. Record these changes in this publication to keep it up to date. The Plant and Pest Advisory Newsletter subscription forms are available from your local agricultural agent, and at <https://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/>.

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THE LABEL IS THE LAW

A pesticide applicator is legally bound by the labeling found on and with the pesticide container in their possession. Before using a pesticide, check and always follow the **labeling distributed with the product at the point of sale for legally enforceable rates and restrictions.**

In addition to the pesticide products listed in this Production Guide, other formulations or brands with the same active ingredient(s) may be commercially available.

ALWAYS CHECK THE LABELING ON THE PRODUCT CONTAINER ITSELF:

- a) to ensure a pesticide is labeled for the same use,
- b) to ensure the pesticide is labeled for the desired crop,
- c) for differences in rates and percent active ingredient, and
- d) additional restrictions.

Check the physical product label for the maximum amount of pesticide per application and the maximum number of applications per year.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT RELY ON ELECTRONIC LABELING (unless it is “web labeling” found directly on the product container). *Online pesticide* labels may not be the same as the labeling distributed with the product. Some services include: Proagrica’s CDMS <http://www.cdms.net/>; Agworld DBX powered by Greenbook <https://www.greenbook.net/>; or Agrian <https://www.agrian.com/labelcenter/results.cfm>.

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See a detailed regulatory discussion of this and other essential information on Pesticide Safety and the Pesticide Label in Chapter 1. Electronic labeling is discussed in section 1.3.1.

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If you are having a medical emergency after using pesticides, always call 911 immediately.



In Case of an Accident

- Remove the person from exposure
- Get away from the treated or contaminated area immediately
- Remove contaminated clothing
- Wash with soap and clean water
- Call a physician and/or the National Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222).
Your call will be routed to your State Poison Control Center.
- **Have the pesticide label with you!**
- Be prepared to give the **EPA registration number** to the responding center/agency