

## APPLES

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- Hopefully harvest is going well for you (not too many sunburnt pickers!). We have been harvesting our Helios trial sites in Kent and Gloucestershire and look forward to sharing the results with you over the coming months. You can read more about the project at [www.hlhlt.co.uk/helios](http://www.hlhlt.co.uk/helios) and it will be featured on our virtual stand at the [National Fruit Show](#) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- Many growers continue to seek an earlier harvesting Gala clone to help spread the picking load. Newly available to order from Carolus Trees is the clone [Gala Magma](#)<sup>®</sup> (pictured right) which this season has picked a week earlier than Gala Must and a few days before Gala One. You can order trees for the 2022 season through [Hutchinsons](#).
- Some rain is forecast for later this week, so you should assess rot risk and scab pressure before applying a fungicide to any late harvesting varieties. A reminder that [Bellis](#) is a 7 day harvest interval, [Geoxe](#) (no scab control) and [Modif/Switch](#) are 3 days and [Boni Protect](#) has a 1 day harvest interval.
- A reminder that if you require Coragen for the 2021 season, please place an order as soon as possible.
- Furthermore, Depitox is now in a period of withdrawal and growers have until the end of this year to purchase stocks for use in 2021. Final use date is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The replacement product for Depitox will not have an authorisation for apples and pears. For the time being, Kyleo (glyphosate + 2,4-D) remains authorised but may only be used before green cluster.



## PEARS

- With picking now completed, you should continue to monitor Pear Sucker in the orchards. The pest will have been enjoying the warmth last week but if you have built up suitable populations of anthocorids and earwigs, they will still be doing a good job in controlling the pest. Ensure you have suitable sites for both these beneficial insects by providing refuges for earwigs and having some diverse flora in the margins of your orchards for anthocorids. The anthocorids will spend the winter in leaf litter and loose bark in the wider environment near your orchards. Earwigs will be mating soon and the females will lay eggs in the soil and stay with their brood right through the winter and tend to them in the spring when they have hatched.
- [Pear Rust \(\*Gymnosporangium sabinae\*\)](#) is rarely an issue in commercial orchards, but conditions seem to have been good for this disease this season. It produces rather spectacular structures at this time of year (see picture, right) which then produces spores which then have to infect juniper to complete the life cycle before returning to pears in the summer.



## PLUMS

- Note orchards where rust has been prevalent and consider suitable treatments for spring next year.

## CHERRIES

- Check that Two Spotted Spider Mite numbers have not increased during the recent hot weather.
- If you have any unopened cans of Exirel 10 SE they should be returned to distributors by the end of October.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- There were some very useful sessions at Fruit Focus Live on the current labour situation and prospects for 2021 together with handling COVID-19 precautions on farms. You can watch them at [www.fruitfocus.co.uk/fruit-focus-forums](http://www.fruitfocus.co.uk/fruit-focus-forums)
- FPJ Live, in association with the National Fruit Show, are holding a Top Fruit in Focus event online on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is a free event and details of how to participate can be found at [www.fpjlive.com](http://www.fpjlive.com).

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