



MELANOSE ALERT!

The Rio Grande Valley received some much-needed rain which will provide wet conditions conducive to melanose infection. The abundance of dead wood left by last year's freeze means that melanose pressure will be higher than normal. The small fruit are very susceptible at this stage. Control melanose by spraying with either a systemic fungicide such as any FRAC group 3 or 11 fungicides (Abound, Enable, Pristine, or Quadris Top) or any copper fungicide mixed with an effective sticker. Spraying within 2 days of the wet period is critical. As always, selective removal of dead wood is considered a long-term control strategy for melanose.

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