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## STRAWBERRIES

- A reminder that you should not have any stocks of Benevia 10 OD left on farm as any unopened packs should have been returned to distributors by the end of August.

## RASPBERRIES

- Check susceptible varieties for presence of [Cane Midge](#) larvae (pictured, right). Fungicides for cane diseases will give some control of the Cane Blight associated with midge damage but badly affected canes are best cut out. Keeping tunnels skinned post-harvest will lengthen the period when canes may be susceptible to Cane Blight. The AHDB Factsheet on raspberry diseases can be downloaded [here](#).
- A further reminder that you must return to distributors any unopened packs of Exirel 10 SE by the end of November.



## BLACKCURRANTS

- The end of this month is the optimum timing for an insecticide application to control returning aphids in the crop. Calypso would be the usual product of choice, if you have any stock left on farm. A reminder that the final use date is 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. Use at this timing can also control Woolly Currant Scale, but only if applied in a high enough water volume (minimum 400 l/ha), and Wetcit is added (1 litre/1000 litres). Batavia can be applied post-harvest but must be taken into the leaves to be activated and then ingested by the aphids, so is unlikely to be very effective in the autumn. Alternatively, the pyrethroid insecticides Decis Protech and Hallmark Zeon can be used but these are not IPM friendly and not very effective on blackcurrant aphids.

## BLUEBERRIES

- Hopefully you have been managing your irrigation for the plants adequately through the heat of last week, as they will not take very kindly to being too dry. Now that their late summer growth is coming to an end, you should not be supplying any nitrogen in the feed solution as this may make the plants more susceptible to winter damage.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The webinars and exhibitor information from Fruit Focus Live remains available for viewing at [www.fruitfocus.co.uk](http://www.fruitfocus.co.uk). It includes information on breeding work and updates on the Wet Centre, together with sessions on Brexit, labour and COVID-19.
- The recordings of Fruit for the Future at the James Hutton Institute are now available on [YouTube](#). Subjects include raspberry and blueberry breeding and research on *Phytophthora* root rot in raspberry.
- The AHDB are holding a meeting later this month on crop protection issues with representatives of all the main agronomy providers in the UK. If you have any issues you think should be raised, whether it is a current issue that you are struggling with, or concerns you have about controlling pests, diseases or weeds going forward, please contact your Hutchinsons agronomist and they will feed them into the meeting through Jonathan Blackman, Hutchinsons Horticultural Technical Manager, who will represent the company at the meeting.

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