

2024 PEST MANAGEMENT GUIDE: DISEASE

Cultural Disease Management

CULTURAL DISEASE MANAGEMENT FOR WILD BLUEBERRY		
DISEASES MANAGED	METHOD	COMMENTS
Mummy Berry, <i>Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi</i>	Fire Pruning, use efficient harvesting techniques. Mulching with material to a depth of 2" to 3" before crop emergence to prevent mummy berries from germinating. Reducing the number of infected fruits on the ground by composting or disposing of winnower refuse away from the field can reduce mummy berries in the field.	Burn pruning can decrease approximately 50% of mummy berries (pseudosclerotia). If litter is too wet, then sanitation will be incomplete. Mulching under clones with lots of mummy berries visible at harvest can decrease inoculum for following years.
Blossom and Twig Blight, <i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	None.	Fungus can attack hundreds of plants; scouting of early blooming clones is important.
Valdensia leaf spot, <i>Valdensia heterodoxa</i> (formerly <i>Valdensinia</i>)	Intensive Fire Pruning, destroying ALL leaf litter of infected area and within 10' of infection. Clean equipment, shoes & clothing; avoid entering infected areas when wet. Clean equipment between fields.	All leaf litter must be burned to ensure eradication of fungus. The spores are not carried by wind or water, but can be transported on leaf contaminated equipment, clothing or shoes.
"False Valdensia" (fungus not yet identified)	Fire pruning to decrease infected plant material.	
Red Leaf, <i>Exobasidium vaccinii</i>	Avoid spreading spores (white patches on the underside of infected leaves) by not walking through diseased areas from approximately middle of June through August.	Spores may further spread by disturbing infected tissue when it is producing spores.
Exobasidium leaf and fruit spot, <i>Exobasidium maculosum</i>	Fire pruning to decrease infected plant material. Avoid spreading spores (white patches on underside of lesions on leaves by not walking through diseased areas from approximately middle of July through August.	
Sphaerulina Leaf Spot, <i>Sphaerulina vaccinii</i> (old name <i>Septoria</i>)	Fire pruning to decrease infected plant material.	
Powdery Mildew, <i>Erysiphe</i> (formerly <i>Microsphaera</i>)	Fire pruning to decrease infected plant material.	
Leaf Rust, <i>Thekopsora</i>	Fire pruning to decrease infected plant material.	
Stem Blight, <i>Phomopsis</i> or <i>Godronia</i>	None at this time.	

Chemical Disease Management

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FUNGICIDES

GROUP ^a	Use ^b & TOXICITY	FUNGICIDE & SIGNAL	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	TIMING: CROP CYCLE	RATE: PER/ACRE & MAX/ACRE/YR	PHI DAYS	REI HOURS	NOTES ^c (LOCALLY SYSTEMIC, LOS; NON-SYSTEMIC, NS; SYSTEMIC, S), DIMETHYL INHIBITION = DMI
3	MB LS	Indar 2F (WARNING)	fenbuconazole	CROP	6 oz Max: 4 app; 24 oz (0.38 lb ai)	30	12	Apply with 1% v/v COC. Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 8 to 14 days following the calendar method. For control of leaf spot diseases, begin application prior to or at onset of disease development and apply every 8 to 14 days. DMI, LOS
	MB LS BBB	Quash (CAUTION)	metaconazole	CROP	2.5 oz Max: 3 app, 7.5 oz (0.234 lb ai); 2 sequential app	7	12	Apply at green tip when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7-14 days following the calendar method. DMI, LOS
	MB LS	Bumper; Tilt (WARNING)	propiconazole	CROP	6 oz Max: 30 oz (0.84 lb ai all propiconazole products); 2 seq. app	30	24	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 10 days following the calendar method. For Sphaerulina leaf spot, make first application prior to bloom and again after petal fall. DMI, LOS
	MB LS VLS	Proline 480 SC (CAUTION)	prothioconazole	PRUNE OR CROP	5.7 oz Max: 2 app; 11.4 oz (0.356 lb ai)	7	12	For MB, Apply at green tip when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 10 days following the calendar method. For LS, apply before disease onset and then every 7 to 10 days. DMI, LOS
	MB	Cevya (CAUTION)	mefentrifluconazole	CROP	3 oz Max: 3 app; 5 oz per app; 15 oz per year (0.39 lb ai all mefentrifluconazole products)	0	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry before disease development. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply on 7 to 10 day intervals following the calendar method. DMI
3 & 9	MB LS	Inspire Super (CAUTION)	cyprodinil (9) & difenoconazole (3)	PRUNE OR CROP	16 to 20 oz Max: 80 oz (1.3 lb ai of cyprodinil; 0.46 lb of difenoconazole)	7	12	Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications, or apply before disease onset. Apply on a 7 to 14-day schedule with no more than 2 sequential applications before alternating to another fungicide with a different mode of action. DMI, LOS
3 & 11	MB LS	Quilt Xcel (WARNING)	azoxystrobin (11) & propiconazole (3)	CROP	14 to 21 oz Max: 3 app; 21 oz per app; 63 oz per yr (0.84 lb ai propiconazole and 0.75 lb ai azoxystrobin); 2 seq. app	30	12	Apply at green tip when >30% of flowers buds are at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7-10 days following the calendar method. For leaf spot diseases, apply prior to disease development and throughout the season on a 7 to 14 day interval. Avoid adjuvants with silicone. DMI, LOS
3 & 7	MB LS	Propulse (WARNING)	prothioconazole (3) & fluopyram (7)	PRUNE OR CROP	10.0 to 13.6 oz Max: 2 app; 27.2 oz per acre per year (0.354 lb ai fluopyram; 0.354 lb ai prothioconazole)	7	12	For LS, apply at critical timings for disease control. For MB, apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 14 days following the calendar method. DMI, LOS
7	LS	Aprovia (DANGER)	benzovindiflupyr	PRUNE/ CROP	10.5 oz Max: 2 app; 21 oz (0.136 lb ai all benzovindiflupyr)	1	12	For LS, apply at first sign of disease. NIS or vegetable based COC recommended and second application can be made 10 to 14 days later. Do not mix with oxidizing agents. LOS
	LS	Kenja 400SC (WARNING)	Isofetamid	PRUNE	13.5 to 15.5 oz Max: 3 app at high rate, 4 app at low rate; 54 fl oz; (1.4 lb ai); 2 seq. app	0	12	Start applications prior to disease development and continue on 14-day interval if necessary. LOS
	MB	Fontelis (WARNING)	penhiothyrid	CROP	16 to 24 oz Max: 72 oz per year; 24 oz per app; 2 seq. app	0	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 14 days following the calendar method. LOS
7 & 9	MB LS BBB	Luna Tranquility (CAUTION)	fluopyram (7) & pyrimethanil (9)	CROP	16 to 27 oz Max: 54.7 oz per year, 2 seq. app (0.446 lb ai all fluopyram products, 2.1 lb ai all pyrimethanil products)	1	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 14 days following the calendar method. For leaf spot, apply at critical timings for disease control every 7 to 14 days. LOS
7 & 11	MB BBB LS	Pristine (CAUTION)	pyraclostrobin (11) & boscalid (7)	CROP	18.5 oz Max: 4 app; 92 oz per yr; 23 oz per app* (for all Group 7 or 11 products); 2 seq. app	0	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 14 days following the calendar method. Avoid applying during bloom when bees are present. May only be applied with water as the carrier and only be tank mixed with captan. LOS
7 & 12	MB	Miravis Prime (CAUTION)	Pydiflumetofen (7) & fludioxonil (12)	CROP	9.0 – 13.4 oz Max: 2 seq app; 26.8 oz per year (0.268 lb ai all pydiflumetofen products, 0.9 lb ai all fludioxonil products)	0	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry before disease development. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply on 7 day intervals following the calendar method. LOS
9 & 12	MB BBB	Switch 62.5 WG (CAUTION)	cyprodinil (9) & fludioxonil (12)	CROP	11 to 14 oz Max: 56 oz (1.3 lb ai cyprodinil, 0.9 lb ai fludioxonil); 2 consecutive app	0	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 10 days following the calendar method. Apply when Botrytis symptoms seen in early clones and at 7 to 10-day intervals when conditions favor disease development. S
17	BBB	Elevate 50 WDG (CAUTION)	fenhexamid	CROP	1.5 lb Max: 6 lb (3 lb ai all fenhexamid products)	0	12	Apply at 10% bloom for Botrytis when symptoms seen in early clones. Apply every 7-10 days when conditions favor disease development, but no more than 2 consecutive applications. LOS
29	MB	Omega 500F (WARNING)	fluazinam	CROP	20 oz Max: 6 app; 120 oz (3.91 lb ai)	30	12	Apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 10 days following the calendar method. Do not use adjuvants. S
M4 & 17	BBB MB	CaptEvote 68 WDG (DANGER)	captan (M4) & fenhexamid (17)	CROP	3.5 to 4.7 lb (BBB) 4.7 lbs (MB) Max: 21 lbs (14.3 lb ai; 3 lb ai fenhexamid, 35 lb ai captan)	0	48	Apply at 10% bloom for Botrytis when symptoms seen in early clones. Repeat every 7-10 days through petal fall. Do not make more than 2 consecutive applications. For mummy berry, apply at green tip/when >30% stems have blossoms at crown stage for mummy berry. Follow the mummy berry forecast method to time applications or apply every 7 to 10 days following the calendar method. NS
M5	LS	Bravo WeatherStik; Equus 720 SST (DANGER)	chlorothalonil	PRUNE	3 to 4 pt Max: 12 pt (9 lb ai all chlorothalonil)	42	12	Apply in prune year for Septoria (Sphaerulina) leafspot or leaf rust at 10 to 14 day intervals. Do not add pesticides, fertilizers, or adjuvants unless tested, as phytotoxicity may result. Do not mix with Dipel, Foil, Triton or Latron. Do not apply after full bloom or may damage developing fruit. High runoff potential for several days to weeks. NS
BM 02	MB BBB	Serenade ASO (CAUTION)	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	CROP	2 to 4 qt Max: ---	0	4	For <i>Monilinia</i> suppression, begin application at bud break and repeat every 7-10 days as needed. For Septoria (Sphaerulina) leafspot or leaf rust, begin application prior to disease and repeat every 7-10 days, up to harvest. Spray solution should be pH 4.5-8.5. NS

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*Please note: This revised version replaces any previous charts. *

^aTo reduce the likelihood of fungicide resistance developing in target fungi, growers should rotate between fungicides with different group numbers, ideally using multiple group numbers. Products with the same group number should not be used in consecutive sprays.

^bMB = Mummy Berry, BBB = Botrytis Blossom Blight, LS = Leaf Spots (powdery mildew and Sphaerulina (Septoria) leaf spot and leaf rust), VLS = Valdensia Leaf Spot

^cSome fungicide products move locally through leaves and are therefore locally systemic. LOS = Locally Systemic, NS = Not Systemic, S= Systemic.

The mode of action for Group 3 fungicides is Demethylation Inhibition = DMI.

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