

LOUISIANA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTROL OF INSECTS OF PEACHES IN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION

Time of Spray	Pest to Control	Material and Amounts in 100 Gallons of Spray	Minimum Number of Days Before Harvest-Comments
Dormant	Scales if present	Oil emulsion, 3% actual oil in diluted spray (follow recommendations of manufacturer)	<p>Oil: Two sprays must be conducted at least one week and no more than ten days apart to be effective. Be sure to cover underside of scaffold with pressure and not from run-off.</p> <p>Lorsban: Only one application of Lorsban per dormant season (and one post-harvest for borer control). Do not apply after delayed dormant stage. Not recommended for in-season use. Use a minimum of 1.5 pts/acre.</p> <p>Esteem 35WP: PHI=14 days; use highest labeled rate under heavy infestations. Limit to 3 Esteem applications per season. Allow 14 days between treatments. Sprays must be timed to coincide with crawler emergence.</p> <p>Pyrethroids such as Ambush, Asana, Proaxis, and Pounce are often associated with scale outbreaks.</p>
		<p>For severe scale infestations-- USE: Lorsban 4E at 0.5-1.0 pt</p> <p>or</p> <p>Esteem 35WP at 4.0-5.0 oz/acre + 1.5 gals oil</p>	
Pink bud to bloom	Catfacing insects (at pink to 10% bloom)	1 lb Thiodan 50WP or 1 lb Phaser 50 WSB	<p>Apply when insects are present or fresh feeding damage is observed. Do not exceed two applications per year. Do not exceed 2.5 lbs ai/acre/season; PHI= 21 days.</p> <p>Do not apply more than 0.1 lb ai/acre/season; PHI=21 days.</p> <p>Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI=14 days.</p>
		<p>or</p> <p>Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.</p>	
		<p>or</p> <p>Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl.oz.</p>	
Petal fall (when 75% of petals have fallen)	Curculio	¾ to 1.0 lb Imidan 70W	<p>Imidan: PHI=14 days; do not apply more than 17 lbs/acre/season.</p>
	Catfacing insects Aphids Scales	1 lb Thiodan 50WP or Phaser 50 WSB	<p>Thiodan and Phaser: PHI=21 days. Do not use more than 2 times during the fruiting season. Do not exceed 2.5 lbs ai/acre/season. Do not use if temperature is below 60°F. Endosulfan has poor efficacy against plum curculio. Not for use to control scales.</p>

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Petal fall (when 75% of petals have fallen)-- cont'd		or ¾ pt Lannate LV	Lannate: PHI=4 days; Highly toxic material; use with caution. Lannate may promote mite infestation. Not for use to control scales. Methomyl has poor efficacy against plum curculio.
		or ¼ lb Lannate SP	
	Curculio	1.6-4.8 ozs Ambush 25W	
		or Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI-14 days.
		or Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Proaxis: Do not apply more than 0.1 lb/ai/acre/season; PHI=14 days.
	Catfacing insects	2.0-6.0 ozs Pounce 3.2 EC or Proaxis 0.427-0.853 f. oz. or Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 f. oz.	Pyrethroids such as Ambush, Asana, Mustang Max, Proaxis, and Pounce are often associated with scale insect outbreaks.
Shuck split or first cover (10-12 days later)	Curculio Catfacing insects Aphids Scales	Same as petal fall	See above.
Second cover (10-12 days later)	Curculio Catfacing insects	¾ to 1.0 lb Imidan 70W	Imidan: PHI=14 days. See above for remarks.
		or 1.6-4.8 ozs Ambush 25W	Ambush and Pounce: PHI=14 days; See remarks above.
		or 2.0-6.0 ozs Pounce 3.2 EC	
		or Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Proaxis: Do not apply more than 0.1 lb ai/acre/season; PHI=21 days.

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Time of Spray	Pest to Control	Material and Amounts in 100 Gallons of Spray	Minimum Number of Days Before Harvest-Comments
Second cover (10-12 days later) cont'd		or Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI=14 days.
	Catfacing insects	$\frac{3}{4}$ pt Lannate LV or $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Lannate SP	Lannate: PHI=4 days; see notes above for additional remarks.
Third cover (12-15 days later)	Curculio Catfacing insects Scales	Same as second cover spray.	See above for additional remarks.
Fourth cover (14-21 days later)	Curculio Catfacing insects	Same as third cover spray.	See above for additional remarks.
Fifth cover (one month prior to harvest)	Oriental moth Curculio	0.63-0.94 lbs Sevin 80S (=2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs/acre)	Sevin 80S: PHI=3 days; Carbaryl is highly toxic to bees. It tends to increase scales and sometimes mite problems.
	Catfacing insects	$\frac{3}{4}$ to 1.0 lb Imidan 70W or Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Imidan: PHI=14 days; see notes above. Proaxis: Do not apply more than 0.1 lb ai/acre/season; PHI=21 days.
		or Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI=14 days.
	Oriental moth Catfacing insects	$\frac{3}{4}$ pt Lannate LV	Lannate: PHI=4 days; see notes above for additional remarks and cautionary statement.
	Mites	3.0-6.0 ozs/acre Savey 50F	Savey: PHI=28 days; limit to one application per season. Apply during early infestations. Savey is not effective against adult mite populations.
Three weeks prior to harvest	Oriental moth Curculio	$\frac{3}{4}$ to 1.0 lbs Imidan 70W or Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Imidan: PHI=14 days; see notes above. Proaxis: Do not apply more than 0.1 lb ai/acre/season; PHI=21 days.
		or Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI=14 days.

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Time of Spray	Pest to Control	Material and Amounts in 100 Gallons of Spray	Minimum Number of Days Before Harvest-Comments
Three weeks prior to harvest (cont'd)	Oriental moth	2 pts/acre Malathion 57EC	Malathion: PHI=7 days.
		or	
		Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Proaxis: Do not apply more than 0.1 lb ai/acre/season; PHI=21 days.
		or	
		Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: Apply as required by scouting. Allow a minimum of 7 days between applications; PHI=14 days.
	Catfacing insects	0.63-0.94 lbs Sevin 80S (=2½-3¾ lbs/acre)	Sevin 80S: PHI=3 days; Carbaryl is highly toxic to bees. See notes above.
		or	
		¾ pt Lannate LV	Lannate: PHI=4 days; see notes above.
		or	
		Proaxis 0.427-0.853 fl. oz.	Proaxis: PHI=21 days; see notes above.
		or	
		Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: PHI=14 days; see notes above.
	Mites	4.0-8.0 ozs Vendex 50 WP	Vendex: PHI=14 days; limit to 2 applications/season. Do not apply more than 3 lbs/acre/year.
Two weeks prior to harvest	Catfacing insects	¾ pt Lannate LV	Lannate: PHI=4 days; see notes above.
		or	
		Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: PHI=14 days; see notes above.
	Oriental moth	2 pts/acre Malathion 57% EC	Malathion: PHI=7 days.
		or	
		Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: PHI=14 days; see notes above.
		or	
	Curculio	0.63-0.94 lbs Sevin 80S (=2½-3¾ lbs/acre)	Sevin 80S: PHI=3 days; Carbaryl is highly toxic to bees. See notes above.
		or	
		Mustang Max 0.43-1.3 fl. oz.	Mustang Max: PHI=14 days; see notes above.
		or	
One week prior to harvest	Catfacing insects	0.63-0.94 lbs Sevin 80S (=2½-3¾ lbs/acre)	Sevin 80S: PHI=3 days; Carbaryl is highly toxic to bees. See notes above.
		or	
		¾ pt Lannate LV	Lannate: PHI=4 days; see notes above.

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One week prior to harvest (cont'd)	Mites	Nexter (refer to label for rate for specific species of mites.)	Nexter: PHI=7 days; toxic to aquatic organisms; highly toxic to bees. Follow label.
Post harvest trees	Scales Leafhoppers Shot hole borers	½-1.0 pt Lorsban 4E	Use as dormant or delayed dormant spray. Limit to one application during dormant or delayed dormant (and one post-harvest for borer control). Do not use more than 4 pts/acre. As many as 3 or more generations of scales may occur after harvest. Any of the regular spray materials may be used to alternate during post harvest at the rates used during the season.
April/October	Fire ants	Extinguish IGR – 1-1½ lbs/acre	Extinguish: Apply broadcast over orchard floor in April when ants are actively foraging and prior to cold weather in October. Do not allow contact with fruit. Methoprene (A.I. for Extinguish) is an Insect Growth Regulator and therefore is slow acting. Ant population reductions may be observed 3-4 weeks after initial treatment. Apply on dry soil. Follow label for optimal results.

TRUNK SPRAYS FOR PEACH TREE AND LESSER PEACH TREE BORER

Thoroughness of coverage is essential for borer control. It is suggested that all growers adopt the practice of spraying the trunk and scaffold limbs each time they spray. This practice will help control the few peach tree borers that emerge early in the season and particularly the lesser peach tree borer.

EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE PEACH TREE BORER HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY SPRAYING TRUNKS WITH LORSBAN AND ENDOSULFAN (THIODAN, PHASER) AS LISTED BELOW.

MATERIAL	FORMULATION	AMOUNT/ 100 GALS	TIME OF APPLICATION	REMARKS
Lorsban	4E	3.0 qts	Recommended for post harvest use only. Apply as soon after harvest as possible. Use 0.75-1.0 qt of mixture on small trees and 1.5 qts on larger trees. Best results are obtained closer to peak emergence: between August 2-September 1. Application may be made early from mid-July on non-bearing trees.	Apply as a directed, handgun application to lower scaffolds, vase and trunk. Lorsban: Post-harvest use only; limit to 1 application per season; toxic to fish. Do not use Lorsban on home plantings.
Lorsban	4E	1.5 qts	This rate should be used only when new plantings are being sprayed or low populations of borers exist.	

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TRUNK SPRAYS FOR PEACH TREE AND LESSER PEACH TREE BORER (cont'd)

MATERIAL	FORMULATION	AMOUNT/ 100 GALS	TIME OF APPLICATION	REMARKS
Endosulfan (Thiodan)	50% WP or	1.5 lbs	<p>Early varieties: First application-after harvest (but not before July 1). Second application-3 to 4 weeks later.</p> <p>Late varieties (Elberta or later): First application-21 days before harvest. Second application-immediately after harvest.</p>	Residue tolerance 2 ppm. Do not apply more than twice during fruiting season. Do not apply closer than 21 days to harvest. In almost every experiment, wettable powder formulations have given better control than emulsions or other liquid formulations.
Endosulfan (Thiodan)	50% WP	5.0 lbs	<p><u>Single application-</u> Spring: Apply between cracking of buds and shuck.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Summer: Apply as near to September 1 as possible but after harvest.</p>	<p>Based on 30 gals/acre; apply a minimum of 30 gals/acre which is 0.75 lb technical per acre. Label permits 2 1/3 lbs actual/acre (5 lbs 50% WP). This means that heavy application (drenching) may be used for increased concentration in heavily infested orchards.</p> <p>More effective control was achieved in experiments when applied between August 2 and September 1.</p>

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DISCUSSION OF PEACH PESTS

Armored scale: San Jose scale has an ashy-gray appearance, is slightly convex, and is about the size of a pinhead. White peach scale spreads very rapidly and is distinguished by a cottony mass that is formed over the infested areas. The entire trunk and main branches will be white in a very short time. Common privet is a wild host for white peach scale which makes this scale abundant all year. Host list is unlimited.

Although routine spraying with Azinphos methyl suppresses these scale insects, dormant sprays of Lorsban or Esteem plus oil should be used during the dormant season for heavy infestations and once for light infestations. There are several generations each season. It is imperative that each generation be controlled. Several generations occur after harvest, and it is imperative that scale insects be controlled if the trees are to survive.

Soft scale: The terrapin scale is a soft scale about the size of a pencil eraser. The young hatchlings settle on the foliage and remain there until the third instar when they migrate back to the stems to mature and overwinter. The regular spray schedule will control these pests if enough water is used to get proper coverage. They are easiest to control when on the foliage. Oil sprays are ineffective on this scale.

White peach scale and West Indian peach scale: White peach attacks the entire tree and can kill trees if uncontrolled. During the growing season a regular spray program will help to maintain this pest under control. Dormant sprays in the fall or prior to bud break may be applied in commercial production. Two sprays should be applied at 10- to 14-day intervals. COMPLETE COVERAGE IS ESSENTIAL.

Twig borers: There are two caterpillars infesting peaches, the larvae of the Oriental fruit moth and the peach twig borer. The larvae of the Oriental fruit moth infest both the young twigs and fruits and breed throughout the warm season of the year. The peach twig borer attacks the young growing twigs early in the season soon disappearing.

Plum curculio: The plum curculio is a white legless grub that infests the fruits only. The adult is a brownish weevil about 3/16 of an inch in length. There are two generations a year. The first generation is out about bloom. Those that infest the peaches cause the growing fruit to drop. The second generation occurs some 40 to 50 days later.

Damage: The curculio causes the fruit to drop during two periods, soon after the young fruit sets, and just prior to ripening. The first drop is caused by punctures made and worms hatching from eggs laid by overwintered weevils and the second by worms or grubs of the second generation.

Sanitation: The drops should be picked up twice each week during these two periods and destroyed. Picking up and destroying first drops is most important and if thoroughly done will aid materially in ensuring a crop that will be nearly free of worms at harvest time providing there are not other nearby sources of infestation. Native plums are the most common and important of such sources. Therefore, native plum thickets should be destroyed or fenced in and hogged during the dropping periods. Also, volunteer peach and plum trees should be destroyed or treated along with the producing orchard.

Pruning: At pruning time pull and burn all old mummies that carry the brown rot organism over the winter. Also, during the winter clean and burn weeds and other debris in all areas in and around the orchard such as fence rows, ditch banks, etc. where the adult curculio and other pests may hibernate. These precautions aid in reducing infestations the following season.

Note: Where chewing or sucking insects are a potential problem, sprays should be made when buds are in the pink stage. **Do not** apply during blossoming. Effectiveness of the cover sprays may be improved by the addition of a spreader sticker. One should certainly be used when this schedule is followed with plums and nectarines.

Peach tree borer and lesser peach tree borer: Borer tunneling is particularly injurious to young trees. Lesser peach tree borer (LPTB) adults lay eggs from spring to early winter. Most egg-laying from the peach tree borer (PTB) occurs from mid-June to early September. The peach tree borer attacks the crown area of the roots of peach, plum, and related trees. Borer infestations can be detected by the presence of frass and pupal cases protruding from the ground near the trunk (PTB) or scaffold limbs (LPTB). Initiate sprays soon after harvest. If endosulfan is used, make two applications for adequate borer protection. Use a hand-gun spray directed to lower scaffolds, vase and trunk. Direct the spray at the trunk from the crotch at the scaffold limbs to the soil line. Completely wet the trunk and spray enough solution to wet or slightly puddle the spray at the base of the tree. It is essential that the trunk and soil area are wet all around the tree. Older trees may benefit from throughout coverage as some LPTB infestation concentrate in areas where primary scaffolds split.

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DISCUSSION OF PEACH PESTS (cont'd)

Schedule for the control of peach tree borer and lesser peach tree borer (2004): For the lesser peach tree borer make an application of 1.5 lbs of Thiodan 50W/100 gals of water May 1-15 directing the spray to the trunks only on non-bearing trees. On varieties that mature earlier, this spray should be applied at least 21 days prior to harvest. Spray on late varieties that do not mature within 21 days following application.

For the peach tree borer: use 3 qts Lorsban 4E/100 gals water as close to September 1 as possible. Use 1.0-1.5 qts of formulation per tree; post-harvest use only.

Rusty brown plum aphid: The rusty brown plum aphid is present each year doing more or less damage to the foliage of plum and young peach trees shortly after they put out leaves. New foliage that is attached becomes distorted and crumpled. Heavy infestations may injure the terminal buds that will stop growth, kill the blossoms, and prevent fruit from setting.

Plant bugs: Several species of plant bugs injure peaches. These include the leaf-footed bug, several species of stinkbugs, and the tarnished plant bug. These insects pierce the green peaches with their beaks and then suck the sap for food. Young peaches, especially those punctured by the larger bugs, may drop. Otherwise, the peaches are usually misshaped, knotty, or catfaced. This damage renders the fruit unmarketable. These insects are usually worse following winter cover crops and the damage is done when the peaches are small. Plant bugs may also be pests after harvest by feeding on young terminals. This injury or flagging of terminals may appear to be an Oriental fruit moth. If stems are dry and not hollowed out damage is from plant bugs.

Shot hole borer: The shot hole borer is a small beetle that attacks peach and related trees boring numerous small holes in the trunks and limbs. Its attack is confined largely to trees that are dying or in low vitality due to attack of insects, diseases, or other causes. The control and prevention consist of removing all dying trees, pruning infested limbs of other trees, and burning. The control of other insects and diseases, fertilization, and cultivation keep the trees healthy and vigorous. Without proper management of potential habitats for these beetles, they can seriously affect leaf and fruit buds. These beetles overwinter in all forms. If weather conditions are favorable, they can emerge in January or February. At this time they have only the buds to feed on and they can eat every bud of available trees.

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