

Codling Moth, Peach Twig Borer Traps, Fire Blight

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*****Insect Advisory*****

CODLING MOTH: Apple and pear growers south of Cache County should be checking their traps daily at this stage. The first moths of the season will likely be caught soon, depending on weather, as always. A biofix was determined for Kaysville (Davis Co.) on May 1st, which is probably the first of the year for northern Utah. The USU Kaysville Research Farm often has an early biofix because of its substantial codling moth population (more moths = greater chance of catching one), but the take-home point is: this cold spring won't keep the moths "on ice" much longer.

PEACH TWIG BORER: Traps should be set sometime this week or early next week.

*****Disease Advisory*****

FIRE BLIGHT: Over the next couple of days, Cougarblight and MARYBLYT model outputs indicate a low to moderate risk of fire blight infection for flowering pome fruit in Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties. Orchards with a history of fire blight will have a greater risk of blossom infection, particularly with all the recent (and forecasted) precipitation.

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