

ADVISORY for the month of May 2026 for the management of apple foliar diseases

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As there are wide spread hailstorms and intermittent rains during last week and this week, the epidemiological conditions (temperature, humidity and wetness) were congenial for occurrence and spread of leaf blight and other leaf spots in apple and other fruit crops. In the orchards where these diseases were prevailing during last year, the spray of fungicides as per spray schedule given by the Directorate of Horticulture and the University should be followed. Farmers are advised to continuously monitor the status of these leaf spots/blights and need based application of fungicides should be done as per the recommendations in the spray schedule. Therefore, the following advisory is issued to the farmers:

- **Remove the weeds in and around the orchards.**
- **For the hail damage:** Spray 100 gm carbendazim or 600 gm mancozeb in 200 L of water immediately after hail.
- **For the management of leaf spots /blight,** the farmers are advised to spray, if the need be of mancozeb or propineb (600gm / 200L of water) as the protectant. But where these spots / blights are severe, the farmers are advised to spray alternatively the formulations consisting of Cabrio Top 60WG (200gm/200L of water) or Shamir (500ml/200L of water) or Kohicap plus (600ml/200L of water) or Merivon 50SC (50ml/200L of water) or Luna Experience (126ml/200L of water) or DodineOFIL(150ml/200L of water) or Avtaar (500gm/200L of water)
- **Do not mix any other pesticide/chemical/micro-nutrient/growth regulator/hormone with the recommended pesticides to avoid phytotoxic effects, russetting and other disorders. When necessary, these may be sprayed separately.**

Farmers are also advised to report the symptoms of the diseases with photographs and queries, if any on hodmpp2014@gmail.com


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