

# Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for the Management of Phytophthora Brown Rot of Citrus in California

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**Overview:** Phytophthora brown rot is a disease of citrus fruit that is caused by several species of the fungal-like genus *Phytophthora*, including *P. citrophthora*, *P. syringae*, *P. hibernalis*, and *P. parasitica*. Phytophthora species can also cause root rot, foot rot, and gummosis of citrus. Brown rot develops mainly on fruit growing near the ground. Symptoms include olive-brown discoloration of the rind and a distinctive, pungent, aromatic odor of the fruit. Production of infectious propagules of the pathogen depends on environmental conditions, but for all species, temperature and the length of continuous wetness periods are the most important predictors of brown rot epidemics. Damage of citrus fruits from the disease is more likely to occur in the winter in many citrus-growing areas of California.

*Observations and research have indicated that:*

- *Phytophthora* species are present in all citrus growing areas in California.
- *Phytophthora syringae* and *P. hibernalis* are quarantine pathogens and are only active during the cooler months of the year.
- The soil/root/leaf litter and fruit disease phases of the pathogens are connected; thus, brown rot management requires integrated management. *Phytophthora citrophthora* is found in the soil; whereas *P. syringae* is mostly found in leaf litter. Orchards with high amounts of leaf litter under the tree canopy are more likely to have *P. syringae* causing brown rot.
- The *Phytophthora* pathogens can infect healthy tissue and do not need injuries for infection.
- At optimum temperatures, the pathogens require approximately 18 h to 24 h of wetness to form sporangia that produce the infectious propagules, the zoospores.
- Wetness (from rain or irrigation) during cool weather is the most important environmental factor determining disease outbreaks by the quarantine pathogens.
- In the field, brown rot develops on mature or nearly mature fruit and mainly on fruit near the ground where spores from the soil are splashed onto the tree.
- Symptoms develop after 6 to 28 days, depending on the temperature and species involved.
- **Harvested fruit may be symptomless and disease develops during shipment and storage.**
- Detection of brown rot and differentiation of the four pathogens can be done by culturing the organism, or more rapidly, by molecular PCR-based methods using species-specific primers.
- Effective registered preharvest and postharvest fungicide treatments are available and new compounds have been identified and are being developed for use in California.
- MRLs for potassium phosphite have not been established in international markets for postharvest fruit treatments. In the United States, the fungicide is exempt from tolerance.

**I) Management of the disease:** Efficacy of preharvest cultural practices and pre- and postharvest chemical treatments is cumulative and warrants a “systems approach” for control of *Phytophthora* brown rot of citrus and is for all species of *Phytophthora* listed above.

## **A. Cultural practices:**

- 1) Planting scions on resistant rootstocks (from UC Publ. No. 21477). Ratings for root rot:
  - A. **Orange:** Sweet - susceptible, Sour - intermediate, Trifoliolate hybrids - intermediate (e.g. Carrizo, Troyer) to tolerant (C-35, C-32, Swingle), and trifoliolate - tolerant
  - B. **Mandarin:** Cleopatra and Rangpur - susceptible
  - C. **Lemon:** Volkameriana – rough lemon - susceptible, Macrophylla and Yuma ponderosa - tolerant
- 2) Planting on berms for adequate drainage.

- 3) Removal of lower branches or “skirt pruning” by mechanical or manual methods must be done to ensure no fruit or branches touch the ground allowing for infection by *Phytophthora* species. This practice should be utilized and maintained over the course of the year. There is no set height for removing lower branches, but grower horticultural records must document yearly skirt pruning activities.
- 4) Adjusting irrigation systems to minimize water splashing onto lower fruit and avoid excess soil moisture (long irrigation sets) conducive for growth of *Phytophthora* species.
- 5) Fruit planned for export to China must be harvested above 20 in/50 cm from the ground. This can be done in the field using various measuring methods such as marking ladders, hanging ribbons, or other types of measures. Growers should have a system in place to prevent mixing of fruit from 20 in/50 cm and below from fruit above 20 in/50 cm. Grower or packinghouse horticultural records for harvesting operations must be documented.

## **B. Fungicide treatments for direct application to fruit or soil surface for brown rot control:**

- 1) Fungicide treatments [copper - FRAC Code M1; phosphonate fungicides – FRAC Code P07 formerly 33; fluopicolide-FRAC Code 43; mandipropamid-FRAC Code 40; mefenoxam-FRAC Code 3, oxathiapiprolin-FRAC Code 49; and the premixture oxathiapiprolin and mandipropamid -FRAC Code 40/49] can protect fruit from infection by *Phytophthora* spp. Copper fungicides include fixed coppers (e.g., basic copper sulfate, copper hydroxides, copper oxides, copper oxychloride/copper hydroxide mixtures mixed with lime or a sticker adjuvant) (**Table 1**) and Bordeaux mixtures including copper sulfate or fixed copper-lime (or sticker adjuvant instead of lime) or zinc sulfate-copper sulfate-lime mixtures (**Table 2**). Phosphonate fungicides include fosetyl-Al and potassium phosphite products (**Table 3**). Many phosphate (PO<sub>4</sub>) fertilizers also contain phosphite (PO<sub>3</sub>) and can be applied to maintain tree health. Postharvest fruit applications with labeled phosphonate fungicides may not be used because MRLs are not established in China. Orondis (oxathiapiprolin) was registered in early 2018 for foliar and soil application (e.g., chemigation); whereas mandipropamid was registered for foliar and nursery use in 2020 on citrus in California and the United States (**Table 3**). Foliar treatments should be applied to the entire tree. When rainfall is excessive, multiple treatments may have to be applied during the harvest season (e.g., Jan., Feb., Mar., etc.). Treating the ground underneath the trees with a systemic fungicide such as mefenoxam (e.g., Ridomil Gold), a phosphonate fungicide (e.g., Prophyt) or with a protectant/ locally systemic fungicide such as Orondis and the newly registered Presidio (fluopicolide) in 2019 in the state of California also reduces brown rot infections by reducing soil populations but foliar applications are preferred (**Table 3**).
- 2) The first protective fungicide application **must be** a registered copper compound. If the alternative fungicides are used, copper needs to be included in the tank mixture for the first application. The application is **mandatory for China exports and must be done after the first rain** to all citrus planned for exportation to China. Historically, this application is made between **October 15 and November 30** for the central valley (District 1) of California. Growers in Coastal (District 2) and Desert (District 3) regions will be notified for the application by industry organizations.
- 3) Possibly, second and third applications may be needed and will be based on rainfall and temperature conditions experienced in each region. Industry-wide forecasting of favorable conditions for brown rot is planned for the three citrus growing regions: District 1 (Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Co.); District 2 (Coastal counties); and District 3 (Desert counties) (see Models below). The industry will be advised during the season.

- 4) For the second or possible third applications, copper products, phosphonates, mefenoxam (Ridomil Gold), fluopicolide (Presidio), and oxathiapiprolin (Orondis) (the latter three fungicides are registered for soil use only), as well as mandipropamid (Revus – registered for nursery and foliar uses) and the mixture of mandipropamid and oxathiapiprolin (Orondis Ultra – currently registered for foliar use) are available. Preharvest foliar phosphite ( $\text{PO}_3$ ) treatments (e.g., fertilizers containing  $\text{PO}_3$ ) may be used but they only have a 30-day residual and postharvest applications to fruit in the packinghouse are for domestic fruit only or to export countries with established MRLs (currently China does not allow postharvest treatments with products containing  $\text{PO}_3$ ).
- 5) Foliar applications of zinc-copper-lime sprays are effective for approximately 6-8 weeks; whereas fixed copper with sticker adjuvants are effective for 4-6 weeks. Phosphonate fungicides last approximately 3-4 weeks, whereas oxathiapiprolin-mandipropamid (Orondis Ultra) and mandipropamid (Revus) still show high efficacy after 8 weeks. Heavy rainfall will shorten the persistence of all foliar treatments. Phosphonates are best used as preharvest treatments within two weeks of harvest because they are systemic and will provide some efficacy during transit.
- 6) Pesticide Use Reports (spray records) **must** be available for inspection prior to the phytosanitary inspections.

## C) Specific details for fungicide treatments:

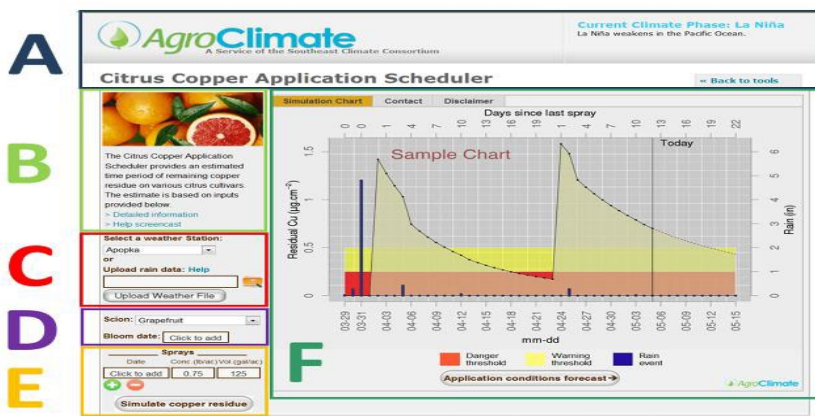
- 1) **Zinc-copper-lime treatments:** When preparing triple mixtures of zinc, copper, and lime, the rate of zinc sulfate (neutral and acidic forms) should be based on the metallic zinc equivalent (MZE) at a minimum of 2.5 lb MZE per acre (**Table 1**). The rate of copper products such as copper hydroxide, copper oxide, or basic copper sulfate (i.e., **fixed or basic coppers**) should be based on the metallic copper equivalent (MCE) at minimum of 1.65 lb MCE per acre. A minimum of 2 lb hydrated lime should be added when using 1.65 lb copper (MCE) and a minimum of 4 lb hydrated lime when using 3 lb copper (MCE) per acre. The material should be applied as a dilute application of no less than 200 gallons per acre to ensure spray penetration into the canopy and adequate coverage of fruit. Use spray cards to determine the coverage inside the canopy. This treatment is preferred for Septoria spot and brown rot management. The lime improves copper persistence on the leaves and fruit, repels leaf hoppers and reduces rind oil spotting caused by their feeding, corrects mottle leaf or zinc deficiency problems, and reduces copper phytotoxicity.
- 2) Higher rates of zinc, copper, and lime may be used as local conditions warrant or if higher disease levels were experienced the last season (**Table 1**).
- 3) **Bordeaux sprays:** If zinc-copper Bordeaux applications are used, 3.3 lb metallic zinc, 1.65-2.45 lb metallic copper in the form of copper sulfate, and 20-67 lb hydrated lime per acre in dilute application of no less than 200 gal/acre will meet the minimum requirement (**Table 2**). **The mix order for preparing Bordeaux or zinc-copper-lime treatments: first add zinc, then copper, followed by lime.**
- 4) **Fixed copper + a sticker adjuvant can be used** but is not preferred because of the advantages of lime described above. If lime is not available, a fixed copper (e.g., cupric hydroxide, copper oxide) should be mixed with a sticker adjuvant (e.g., Cohere, NuFilm 17, etc.) or 0.5 to 1% agricultural oil (415 preferred or a 440 oil) to increase persistence. When using spray oils, trees may be prone to phytotoxicity that may occur especially on southern rows or southern end trees because of the combination of darkened foliage and sunburn. Also, note that if zinc sulfate is added it is acidic and may need to be buffered in the spray

tank to prevent phytotoxicity. If lime is not used a PCA should be consulted. A fixed copper and sticker can be mixed with the alternatives listed below.

- 5) **Registered alternative fungicides** Mefenoxam (e.g., Ridomil Gold-FRAC Code 4) or fluopicolide (Presidio-FRAC Code 43) are registered as soil treatments and should be applied to wet soil surfaces under trees (see label). Preharvest phosphonates (fertilizers and fungicides containing  $PO_3$ ) should be applied within two weeks of harvest in addition to required copper applications. Foliar applications of potassium phosphite are most effective when applied using low gallonage (e.g., 100 gal/A for smaller trees to 200 gal/A for larger trees). Oxathiapiprolin (Orondis-FRAC Code 49) is registered for soil applications and the pre-mixture of mandipropamid and oxathiapiprolin (Orondis Ultra-FRAC Code 40/49) is registered for foliar applications; and mandipropamid (Revus-FRAC 40) is registered for foliar, and nursery uses on citrus) (**Table 3**). Foliar applications of either of these two products (e.g., Orondis Ultra and Revus) are highly effective in a range of application volumes. In general, lower spray volumes per acre are needed (150 to 300 gal/A) against brown rot using labeled rates than standard 400 gal/A rates used for copper applications. Soil applications of oxathiapiprolin, mefenoxam, and phosphonates are labeled but are less effective against brown rot. Chemigation is discouraged since it will not cover the entire area under a tree and therefore will not prevent pathogens from splashing onto fruit during rain events. Therefore, chemigation is not advised for brown rot management, but rather for Phytophthora root rot management. If soil applications are done, a boom sprayer should be used to ensure coverage of most of the area under the tree and adjacent to the canopy edge and must be watered into wet soil (do not apply to dry soil). For foliar applications, volumes used should provide sufficient coverage and may vary for the specific citrus crop (tree size and canopy density). Trees less than 15-18 ft tall may be treated with lower gallonage (e.g., (100-200 gal/A). MRLs have been established (e.g., see fosetyl-AI – a FRAC P07/33,  $PO_3$  fungicide) for many export countries, however, some countries do not have MRLs established for these fungicides. Check with the MRL database or the export country before making pre-harvest fungicide treatment/application decisions (**See Table 4** below).
- (a) These alternatives could be used in rotation or in mixtures with zinc-copper-lime or fixed copper + sticker adjuvant (e.g., NuFilm-17, Cohere, Tactic, etc.) treatments for the first application or if additional applications of fungicides are needed later in the season (see Table 3). If lime is not used and zinc sulfate is needed to correct zinc deficiencies, be sure to buffer the spray tank to prevent phytotoxicity from a low pH and consult a PCA. Applications volumes are suggested to provide sufficient coverage and may vary for citrus crop (tree size and canopy density). Table 3 indicates foliar applications by ground (e.g., 150-500 gal/A) the preferred application or by air (volume determined by aircraft) for Orondis Ultra or Revus.
- (b) Apply no more than one foliar application of Orondis Ultra (FRAC Code 40/49) per year and no more than two soil applications of Orondis per year. Do not apply more than two sequential foliar applications of Revus (FRAC Group 40) or one soil application of Presidio (FRAC Code 43) per year, then rotate to fungicides with different modes of action.
- (c) With the exception of Revus, do not apply in citrus plant propagation nurseries.
- (d) MRLs have been established in many countries (including Korea), however, some countries do not have MRLs established for these fungicides. Please check with the export country before making pre-harvest fungicide treatment/application.
- (e) Additional materials may be needed for management of brown rot in addition to Septoria spot management.

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**Fig. 1.** Agroclimate - Citrus Copper Application Scheduler (A) and overview (B). Weather station or uploaded weather data (C) can be used for different citrus crops with their bloom date (D). Application attributes are entered for dates of application, amount of copper, volume of application (E).

- 6) **Spray requirements for young trees (6 years old or younger).** If the trees have been planted less than or equal to six years ago, applications should be done to the entire tree at 100 gallons/acre. Use the lower rates according to the fungicide label.
- 7) **The spray should cover the entire tree.** Skirt sprays are not acceptable. All active ingredients in the mix (i.e., zinc, copper, and lime) are required to be reported to the Co.
- 8) **Timing of additional fungicide applications based on environmental conditions and copper residues** – Timing of the second and third fungicide treatments are based on the amount of rainfall and duration of wetness periods at selected temperatures after copper residues are depleted. A model for copper persistence based on rainfall and time after application has been developed for the timing of additional fungicide treatments after the first application (e.g., copper). This model is based on one used in Florida (<http://agroclimate.org/tools/Citrus-Copper-Application-Scheduler/>) shown in **Fig.1**.

**Note:** The US-China Trade agreement indicates that re-application of fungicides should be made after 300 mm (11.8 in) of rainfall. The threshold we are using is 50.8 to 101.6 mm (2 to 4 in) for removal of copper.

Temperature		Risk Values			
		Wetness period (h)			
(°F)	(°C)	<10	10-18	19-25	>25
<41	<5	0	0	1	1
>41-50	5-10	2	3	3	3
>50-68	>10-15	1	2	3	3
>68-77	>15-20	0	0	0	0

**Fig. 2.** Preliminary numerical risk model for forecasting brown rot caused by *Phytophthora syringae* based on cardinal temperatures and wetness periods for growth, as well as inoculation studies at controlled temperatures.

- 9) A preliminary empirical forecasting model that provides a numerical risk based on published cardinal temperatures (i.e., minimum, optimum, and maximum temperatures) and wetness periods for growth and sporulation of *P. syringae*, as well as inoculation studies at controlled temperatures is as follows (**Fig. 2**):

## II) Monitoring and incubation guidelines:

All grower lots must be evaluated by field scouting. Fruit samples with symptoms described above can be identified in the field. Risk assessment should be based on scouting of orchards.

### A. Monitoring risk categories:

- 1) **For counties other than Tulare Co. are as follows:** Phytophthora brown rot thresholds monitored above 20 in (50 cm) (a 2-category system):
  - Less than or equal to five (5) diseased fruit per acre – Accept for shipment to China

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- Six (6) or more diseased fruit per acre – Reject for shipment to China
- 2) **For Tulare Co. for the 2023-24 season (as of 2021) are as follows:** Phytophthora brown rot thresholds monitored above 20 in (50 cm) (a 2-category system):
  - Zero (0) diseased fruit per acre – Accept for shipment to China
  - Any diseased fruit per acre – Reject for shipment to China
- B. Symptomatic fruit may be submitted to a lab (e.g., NAVEK) for positive ID if needed.**
- C. Monitoring frequency:** Fields should be monitored monthly or within 14 days after every major rainfall, and one week before each harvest.
- D. Amount of fruit surveyed in the orchard** (1000 fruit per block, e.g., 10-25 A). Suggested design for sampling – Scout 25 fruit per 40 trees for a total of 1000 fruit per block (e.g., 10 A). Using an ATV, evaluate 10 trees on four rows per block (10-25 A).
- E. Incubation (only for Tulare Co. for the 2023-24 season)** – In addition to monitoring, fruit incubation is required for Tulare Co. groves. Two weeks before harvest, fruit should be collected above 20 in (50 cm) from each grower lot as follows:
  - 1) 100 fruit for the first 12.35 A (5 Ha) and 30 fruit for each additional 12.35 A (5 Ha) for each orchard block. (Example: for a 42 A block collect 190 fruit).
  - 2) Collect fruit from several trees/row and several rows per block (e.g., 10 trees/row and 4 rows/block), place 30 fruit in a cardboard box until all of the fruit are in boxes (e.g., 180 fruit/30 fruit/box = 6 boxes. Label boxes with lot number and location (e.g., row or tree).
  - 3) Incubate fruit in boxes at 5 C (41 F) for two weeks
  - 4) Evaluate fruit for brown rot decay: If brown rot is found then the lot is ineligible for shipping to China. Fruit decayed by *Phytophthora* spp. is brown, leathery, and has a distinct pungent odor. At high humidity, whitish mycelium may cover the fruit (Figs. 3,4).
  - 5) Records of results should be kept in the packinghouse for each grower lot.
  - 6) **Note:** Do not rely on this method alone. Detection of *P. syringae* needs longer incubation times (4 weeks or longer) at the prescribed temperature\*.



**Fig. 3.** Brown rot of orange fruit caused by *Phytophthora* species. Early symptoms are shown in the upper images. Late symptoms are shown for brown, leathery decay with a distinct pungent odor (bottom, left) and brown rot decayed fruit at high humidity with white mycelium on the fruit surface (bottom, right).

\*- The US-China agreement requires incubation of Tulare Co. fruit, however, this is not a reliable method for detecting brown rot caused by *P. syringae* because incubation times at the 5C (41F) temperature may exceed 1 month before symptoms develop.

### III) Harvest –

- A.** A standard operating procedure (SOP) should document the method of separation of fruit harvested above (for export to China) and below (for other markets) 50 cm.
- B.** Containers for transporting fruit from the field to the packinghouse should be free of soil.

### IV) Postharvest Management Guidelines:

- A.** Fruit treatments – Potassium phosphite has been registered for postharvest use on domestic fruit and for countries that have MRLs for postharvest usage. China is currently registering potassium phosphite for postharvest use. **At this time, fruit should NOT be**

**treated with a postharvest packing line treatment of potassium phosphite or other phosphonate fungicide.** Fruit treated with this fungicide are not acceptable for export to China at this time.

- B.** Fruit should be treated with registered postharvest fungicides for the management of green and blue mold (*Penicillium* decays). Aqueous treatments of sodium bicarbonate, imazalil (e.g., Fungaflor, Deccocil, Freshgard, etc.), propiconazole (Mentor), azoxystrobin/fludioxonil premixture (Graduate A+), pyrimethanil (Penbotec), TBZ (Alumni), or other registered fungicide with approved MRLs in China should be applied prior to a fruit coating or wax. Fungicides may also be applied in a fruit coating and may include either imazalil, pyrimethanil, and/or TBZ. **Note:** Currently, MRLs for azoxystrobin and fludioxonil have not been established in China. Hot water treatments (minimum 54C-15 sec) can be an effective brown rot control practice but correct temperature and exposure are critical.
- C. Grading - All fruit destined for China should be graded.**
1. Fruit found with symptoms of brown rot should be identified and reported to packinghouse managers. If any brown rot decayed fruit are found at this stage, the fruit lot should be considered for **other** export markets. If any brown rot including *P. syringae* or *P. hibernalis* are discovered, then the lot number and orchard block is suspended for the season.
  2. Remove any other types of decay found during grading.
- D. Phytosanitary inspection prior to export –**
1. APHIS will apply a 3% sampling and a 0% tolerance for any type of decay during inspection.
  2. Any grower lot in a shipment displaying decay of any kind (brown rot, green mold, sour rot, etc.) will be rejected and not certified for the Chinese market.
  3. All fruit lots that pass inspection shall be provided with a Phytosanitary Certificate and state the additional declaration: “This shipment complies with ‘The Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements of California Citrus exported to China’ and ‘Supplementary Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for California Citrus to be Exported to China.’”
- E. Fruit Storage –** Recommendations for fruit destined for the China market are as follows:
1. Fruit should be stored at the lowest temperature recommended for each citrus species for example, oranges at 3-9°C (37-48°F) and lemons 10-13°C (50-55°F).
  2. Fruit should not be stored more than one week following packing.
  3. Packed fruit destined for China export should be stored separately from domestic or other export shipments to avoid mixing of the load.
- F. Designated packinghouse personnel must ensure compliance by visiting groves for export to China prior to harvest. A list of those individuals will be made available to APHIS.**



**Fig. 4.** Brown rot of lemon fruit caused by *Phytophthora* species. Early symptoms are shown in the upper images. Late symptoms are shown for brown, leathery decay with a distinct pungent odor (middle, right) and brown rot decayed fruit at high humidity with white mycelium on the fruit surface (far right).

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**Tables 1, 2, and 3.** Summary of fungicides for management of Phytophthora diseases of citrus including root rot and brown rot of fruit and their usage restrictions.

**TABLE 1**  
**First Application 2023-24 Season**  
**Zinc-Copper-Lime Applications**

**Fixed coppers (e.g., copper hydroxide and copper oxide)**

Application Volume	Rate	Metallic Zinc/100 gal	Metallic Copper/100 gal	Hydrated Lime/100 gal
400	gal/A	0.63-1 lb	0.41-0.75 lb	0.5-1.0 lb
600	gal/A	0.42-0.67 lb	0.28-0.5 lb	0.33-0.67 lb
800	gal/A	0.31-0.5 lb	0.21-0.38 lb	0.25-0.5 lb
<b>Total*</b>	<b>lb/A</b>	<b>2.5-4</b>	<b>1.65-3</b>	<b>2-4 lbs</b>

\* - If the disease was observed or a positive NAVEK report was issued for Septoria spot in a grower lot last season, use a higher rate of each component within the range provided.  
 \*\* - Lime can be substituted with a sticker adjuvant (e.g., NuFilm-17, Cohere, etc.) when using fixed coppers. Note that zinc sulfate is acidic and may need to be buffered in the spray tank to prevent phytotoxicity. Consult a PCA if lime is not applied.

**TABLE 2**  
**First Application 2023-24 Season**  
**Zinc-Copper Bordeaux Applications**  
**(Zinc monohydrate + Copper pentasulfate)**

Application Volume	Rate	Metallic Zinc/100 gal	Metallic Copper/100 gal	Hydrated Lime/100 gal
400	gal/A	0.83 lb	0.41-0.62 lb	5-17 lb
600	gal/A	0.55 lb	0.28-0.41 lb	3.3-11 lb
800	gal/A	0.41 lb	0.21-0.31 lb	2.5-8.4 lb
<b>Total*</b>	<b>lb/A</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.65-2.45</b>	<b>20-67</b>

\* - If the disease was observed or a positive NAVEK report was issued for Septoria spot in a grower lot last season, use a higher rate of each component within the range provided.



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**TABLE 3**  
**Fungicides other than Cu-Zn-Lime Treatments**  
**Second Application 2023-24 Season**

Product	Product Amount (fl oz or oz/A)	Application volume (gal/A)*	Usage	PHI (days)
Presidio	4	10/Chemigation	Soil	30
Aliette	80	500	Foliar/Soil	30
Revus**	8	150-400	Foliar	0
	8-16	Chemigation	Nursery Container Soil	Non-bearing
Ridomil Gold	16-96	Variable/ Chemigation	Soil	0
Orondis**	2.4-9.6	Chemigation	Soil	0
Orondis Ultra**	5.5-8	150-400	Foliar	0

\*- Ground applications volumes are suggested to provide sufficient coverage and may vary for citrus crop (tree size and canopy density). See individual labels for details.

\*\* - Orondis Ultra and Revus have the highest efficacy and residual performance of foliar ground applications against brown rot of citrus but these fungicides can also be applied by air. Old labels of Orondis that allow for a foliar applications can still be used legally until supplies are exhausted.

**Label Restrictions:**

Product	Preharvest fungicide	Usage	Preharvest interval (days)	Max. Prod. Rate (fl oz/A)	Max. No. of Applications	Sequential Applications	Max. Product per Year (fl oz/A)
Presidio	Fluopicolide	Soil	30	4	1	0	4
Aliette	Fosetyl-AI	Foliar/Soil	30	80	4	2	320
Revus*	Mandipropamid	Nursery	Non-Bearing	8 to 16	2 to 4	2	32
		Foliar		8	2	2	16
Ridomil Gold	Mefenoxam**	Soil	0	32	3	2	6 lb ai
Orondis*	Oxathiapiprolin	Soil	0	9.6	2	2	19.2
Orondis Ultra	Oxathiapiprolin + Mandipropamid	Foliar	0	8	1	0	8

\*-Foliar and soil applications rates of Orondis are different as shown. Similarly, foliar and nursery applications of mandipropamid have different rates. In contrast, fosetyl-AI has the same rates for either foliar or soil applications. If Orondis Ultra is used, the maximum amount of mandipropamid per season is established and prevents a second application of Revus for the season.

\*\*-Mefenoxam is sold under proprietary and generic formulations and thus, active ingredient is only provided for the max. per year.

**Note:**

- MRLs have been established in many countries including Korea, but some countries may not have MRLs established for these fungicides. Check with the export country before making pre-harvest fungicide treatment/application decisions (MRLs are listed for several export markets in the GAPs).
- Additional materials may be needed for managing brown rot. A fixed copper may also be used with other fungicide treatments in a tank mixture for brown rot control.

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**Table 4.** MRLs for pre- and postharvest fungicides used in orange and lemon production for disease management in CA. Fungicides for Phytophthora diseases include fluopicolide (Presidio-FRAC Code 43), fosetyl-AI (Aliette- FRAC Code 33/P07), mefenoxam (Ridomil Gold-FRAC Code 3), mandipropamid (Revus-FRAC Code 40), oxathiapiprolin (Orondis-FRAC Code 49) and a mixture of mandipropamid and oxathiapiprolin (Orondis Ultra) highlighted in red below.\*

Fungicide	Pre- / Post-harvest	Orange MRLs (ppm)							Lemon MRLs (ppm)						
		US	Codex	Korea	China	Hong Kong	Japan	Taiwan	US	Codex	Korea	China	Hong Kong	Japan	Taiwan
Azoxystrobin	+/+	15	15	10	1	15	10	10	15	15	10	---	15	10	10
Difenoconazole	+/-	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Fludioxonil	-/+	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Fluopicolide	+/-	---	---	0.01	---	---	2	0.01	---	---	0.01	---	---	2	0.01
Fluopyram	+/-	1	0.6	1	1	---	1	0.5	1	1	1	---	---	1	0.5
Fluxapyroxad	+/-	1	1.5	1	0.3	---	1	0.8	1	1	1	---	---	1	0.8
Fosetyl-AI	+/-	9	20	4	---	5	150	10	9	---	0.01	---	5	150	10
Imazalil	-/+	10	15	15	5	10	5	5	10	15	15	5	10	5	5
Mandipropamid	+/-	0.5	0.4	0.5	---	---	3	---	0.5	0.5	0.5	---	---	3	---
Mefenoxam	+/-	1	5	0.01	5	5	0.7	0.5	1	5	0.01	5	5	0.7	0.5
Natamycin	-/+	Ex.	---	0.01	---	---	0.01	---	Ex.	---	0.01	---	---	0.01	---
Oxathiapiprolin	+/-	0.06	0.05	0.05	---	---	0.06	---	0.06	0.05	0.5	---	---	0.06	---
Propiconazole	-/+	8	10	8	9	---	8	4	8	10	8	---	---	8	4
Pyraclostrobin	+/-	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	7	1	2	1
Pyrimethanil	-/+	10	7	7	7	10	10	7	10	7	7	7	10	10	7
Thiabendazole	-/+	10	7	7	10	10	10	10	10	7	7	10	10	10	10
Trifloxystrobin	+/-	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3	0.5

\*- Data obtained from the Global MRL database (<https://globalmrl.com>) Revised Oct. 2023.

\*\* - Red-highlighted rows are the fungicides for brown rot management. Fosetyl-AI is the default for phosphonate fungicides including potassium phosphite fungicides. Mefenoxam, fluopicolide, and oxathiapiprolin are soil treatments, whereas phosphonate fungicides can be applied as foliar or soil treatments. Mandipropamid (Revus) is registered for foliar and nursery usage (but not for field soil applications). Oxathiapiprolin + mandipropamid (Orondis Ultra) is registered for foliar applications.