

ORCHARDS SMALLER THAN 40 ACRES

General Information

Puffer OFM is an aerosol canister containing behavior modifying biochemicals (pheromones) that disrupt the mating behavior of oriental fruit moth, *Grapholita molesta*. It is intended for use in almond, apple, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, pear, plum, prune, and quince orchards and other areas where the oriental fruit moth is a pest.

Puffer OFM is designed for use with the Puffer Aerosol Cabinet, an automatic metered dispenser, so that one puff of pheromone is delivered every 15 minutes throughout the night to disrupt the nocturnal mating behavior of oriental fruit moths.

METHOD OF APPLICATION: For use in almond, apple, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, pear, plum, prune and quince orchards and other areas where the oriental fruit moth is a pest. In the spring, start applications prior to moth emergence and continue throughout the crop's susceptible period, typically 80 to 180 days. Use a cabinet to automatically dispense the Puffer OFM canister. One puff of product is delivered every 15 minutes for a period of 12 hours, starting at 5 PM.

Placing cabinets in orchards and replacing canisters are to be done when cabinets are inactive, typically during daylight hours between 5 AM and 5 PM. To avoid accidental spraying, ensure that canister nozzles are pointed away during the performance of these tasks.

One Puffer OFM canister will last approximately 200 days. Where effective disruption of oriental fruit moth mating requires longer application periods, replace used canisters before the 200 day period is reached.

Product Placement: Suspend an activated Puffer Aerosol Cabinet containing a full Puffer OFM canister (herein referred to as "Puffer") from a limb that will remain in the upper third of the tree canopy for the duration of the growing season. Place Puffer where spray is directed away from foliage, fruits or nuts.

For best results, use in orchards greater than or equal to 40 acres. Use in orchards less than 40 acres will lead to less than optimal results unless properly managed. Use in combination with other effective mating disruption products for oriental fruit

moth around the entire orchard perimeter where adjacent orchard(s) is not simultaneously treated with oriental fruit moth mating disruption.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Orchards Smaller than 40 Acres: Improved effectiveness is achieved when adjacent orchard(s) is simultaneously treated with oriental fruit moth mating disruption, and the resulting total treated area is 40 acres or greater. Improved effectiveness is also achieved by placing Puffers at a density of up to 2 per acre. Place Puffers around the orchard perimeter or in a grid pattern. In situations with a prevailing wind place additional Puffers along the upwind edge to achieve uniform pheromone distribution within the interior of the orchard.

APPLICATION NOTES: For best results apply at the time or shortly before the oriental fruit moths begin to emerge in the spring. This product only affects adult male moths and will have no effect on female moths, eggs or larvae. If application occurs following biofix (the first date moths are found consistently in monitoring traps) or during the growing season, the field must be treated with insecticides that will effectively control hatching larvae until egg laying by previously mated female moths has ceased to occur. In moderate to high insect pressure situations, supplemental insecticide applications during the season may be necessary to provide adequate protection. These supplemental insecticide applications must be made based on trap monitoring, field scouting, and appropriate degree-day models for the local growing area and must be timed to control young larvae. Monitor insect infestation with traps and by visual inspection of plants. Re-apply as needed, based on monitoring results and field scouting.

Method

[Aerosol](#)

Timings

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