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Very important date for your diaries Wednesday 20th June – our open day !! more details further on ...

Sugar Beet

Aphids numbers are abnormally high particularly in the Bury factory area , the heavy rains are likely to have given the winged aphids a hard time , but this is only likely to be a temporary respite . The seed treatments appear to be still working well but if you see any wingless aphids in your crops they are likely to be MACE resistant and therefore neither Hallmark or Aphox will be effective , the new Bayer insecticide Biscaya has gained emergency off label approval and therefore is available for use but should only be used if wingless aphids are found .

Grass weed control should now have been completed , if not please apply your recommended gramminicide as soon as possible , due to crop sheltering , medium quality , medium volume sprays are generally best . Bubble Jets should not be used .

Manganese deficiency is showing up in a lot of fields and should not be confused with the first signs of virus yellows . Where crops are growing fast and there is no history of manganese deficiency , the crop should pick up manganese from the soil . For other situations treatment is probably worthwhile , where herbicides still have to be applied , include manganese in the tank (check for compatibility) or apply before the herbicide .

Vining Peas

Aphids , Silver Y moth and Tortrix moth are all prevalent at present , please monitor your crops and treat as required .

The recent burst of growth has produced peas with a very chlorotic set of new growth , this may be due to a temporary deficiency in iron , the peas will recolor in a few days and no treatment is required .

Spring Beans

Bruchid beetles can readily be found in the flowers of winter beans and therefore spring beans will be at risk , most spring crops are still at or approaching first bud stage , control should start at between 4 and 6 flower trusses and be followed up as required .

Downy mildew is also developing and the weather conditions are favourable for it , crops should be treated as soon as 25% of plants have new infection on the upper foliage . Folio gold at 1-2 Litres (depending upon disease severity) is our preferred treatment .

AgriVice open day Wednesday 20th June 2007

Please make sure this date is in your diaries , format is as last year , meet on the grass meadow just past St Lawrence school Spexhall , this will be signposted and allocated times will be sent out in the next newsletter .

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