

# The Rovral® Plan To Control The Risk Of Blight & Rot In Stonefruit

Blossom blight and brown rot are expensive problems. The risk starts at blossom time and doesn't end until the fruit is consumed. Conventional wisdom says a one product programme increases the risk to the crop today and of resistance in the future. There must be an integrated, multi-faceted control programme that offers better protection over the long term. Experience shows that superior control is built around a planned rotation of Rovral at strategic times during the season.



### BLOSSOM TIME

Brown rot in the packing shed starts life as blossom blight in the orchard. The fruit from infected flowers will never make it to the market, nor will the fruit that became infected from spores on the flowers.

Rovral at full bloom is a strategic move against the risk of brown rot because, inside the blooms, Rovral protects the fruit from its earliest stage of development.

Wet weather brings on ideal conditions for disease development. An application of a protectant fungicide prior to rain is the best strategy.

### PRE-HARVEST

A curative product used after infection will stop the disease but fruit may be scarred and unmarketable.

The decision as to when to harvest is always a critical one. A crop in the shed is almost certainly dollars in the bank. Yet the crop needs adequate ripening time!

The risk of unexpected inclement weather is always on the cards. This can create wet and humid conditions inside the canopy, a micro-climate perfect for the development of disease, reducing yield or even putting the entire crop at risk. The Rovral plan reduces this risk!

Strategic applications of Rovral during the season, as part of a sustainable disease management program, will ensure optimal fruit protection and help guard against any potential development of resistance.

An application of Rovral just three weeks before the predicted ideal harvest time will continue the programme of protection.

Just one week before harvest you can use Tilt® or Sapro® as the last orchard spray. If the harvest is delayed, a further Rovral can be applied without compromising the advanced resistance management strategies.

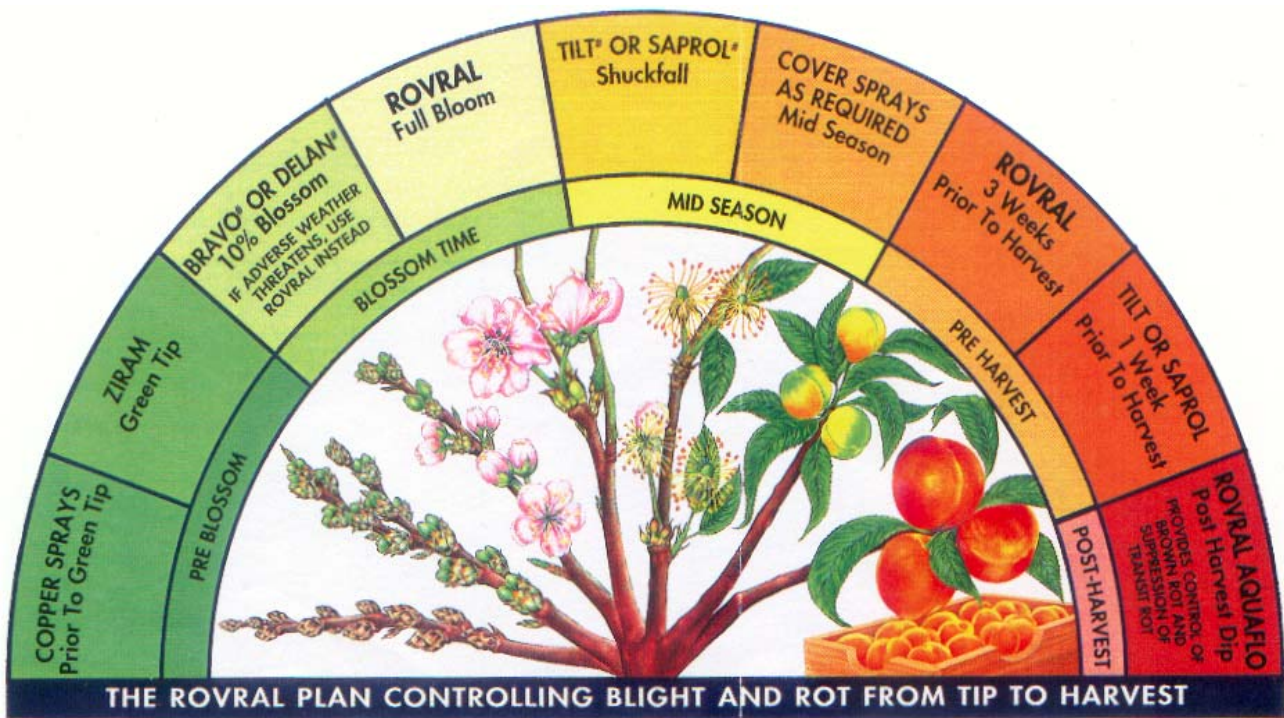


## POST

Post harvest, the greatest need is to reduce the risk of brown rot and transit rot developing during packing, shipping or showing up on your customers shelves.

The best field protection has already been applied in the orchard with the Rovral plan.

The plan continues into the post-harvest period. Here we advocate that all post-harvest handling equipment be cleaned regularly to ensure that inoculum levels are kept as low as possible. The use of Rovral Aquaflo in the dip will provide that final level of protection that ensures that your fruit stays fresh on the customers' shelves.



Note that this is a general plan that may need to be adapted for local conditions.

For more information on using Rovral as an integral component of any blight and brown rot control strategy, contact:

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