

Table 4. Generic Recommendations for Foliar Nutrient Applications for a Bearing Orchard by Phenological Stage.** To be used only when leaf and soil analyses have not been done. These recommendations cannot account for individual orchard situations and following these guidelines may result in deficiencies and/or toxicities. **Specific orchard** recommendations can be found on leaf and soil analysis reports.

Dormant→Silver Tip	Green Tip→ ½ inch Green	Pink	Bloom	Petal Fall	7-10 Days after Petal Fall (1 st Cover)	Growing Season (2 nd →Final Cover)
<p>Zinc¹: Zinc Sulfate (36% Zn): 10-14 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent. (3.5 to 5 lb actual Zn)</p> <p>Copper²: Copper Sulfate (22% Cu): 4 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent OR Bordeaux Mixtures (follow label rate)</p> <p>Potassium: <i>No foliar application.</i> Potassium may be added via ground application during fall or early spring as muriate of potash (0-0-60): 150-200 pounds/acre/season can be applied. Sul-Po-Mag (2 pounds/tree) should be applied pre-bloom if Mg addition is also desired.</p>		<p>Nitrogen³: Urea (45% N): 3 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent (1 of 2 applications)</p>		<p>Nitrogen³: Urea (45% N): 5 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent (2 of 2 applications)</p> <p>Boron⁴: Solubor (20.5% B): ½-1 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent (1 of 2 applications)</p> <p>*DO NOT MIX SOLUBOR with Calcium Nitrate</p> <p>Magnesium⁵: Either Magnesium Sulfate (11% Mg) OR Epsom Salts (10% Mg): 15 pounds/100 gallons dilute equivalent</p>	<p>Boron⁴: Solubor (20.5% B): ½-1 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent (2 of 2 applications)</p> <p>Calcium⁶: Calcium Chloride (77-80% CaCl₂): 1-4 pounds/100 gallon dilute equivalent /spray. Calcium chloride sprays should continue every 10-14 days over the course of the growing season for a maximum of 8 sprays. For different calcium formulations, contact Extension personnel</p> <p>Continue CaCl₂ with cover sprays</p>	

¹ Zinc can also be found in some fungicides-check pesticide label

² Copper can also be added via Cu-based fungicides-check pesticide label.

CAUTION! These copper treatments may burn leaves and cause fruit russetting.

³ Alternatively, nitrogen can be applied in a split **ground** application of either Calcium Nitrate (15.5%N; 2-4 pounds/tree/appl) or Ammonium Nitrate (33.5%N; 1-2 pounds/tree/appl). One application pre-bloom, the other six weeks after bloom.

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⁴ Alternatively, this split application can be replaced by a single **ground** application of granular boron during the "Dormant-Silver Tip" period. In this case, the recommended application is 2-3 pounds of granular boron/ young trees and 7-8 pounds of granular boron/older trees.

⁵ This application of Mg can be reapplied at 10-14 day intervals after the PF application, if desired. Maximum of three Mg sprays per season.

⁶ Additionally, magnesium and/ or calcium can be added via ground applications of lime or dolomitic lime. This should not be done without a soil test

****It is NOT recommended that foliar nutrients be applied with horticultural oils.**