Use of Dimethoate on Cherries in Idaho and Montana

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Teung - Below is what I have for cherry contacts in ID and MT:

For Montana Will Lanier suggests calling Jack Stivers, Lake County Extension, 406-676-4271, jstivers@montana.edu. He attended the sweet cherry PMSP meeting and should be able to answer questions or will know who in Idaho to call.

In Idaho the person who was very helpful with dimethoate use information in the past is Tom Lyon with Wilbur-Ellis. His phone number is (208) 459-1631 and the information that he provided in 2003 regarding dimethoate use on cherries is: "Really the only commercial cherry production in Idaho is sweet cherry. There is only minor tart cherry production. Dimethoate is only used on maybe 5 to 15% of the Idaho cherry acreage. Total Idaho cherry acreage is 800 to 1000. Their use is like WA's and is post harvest. All dimethoate applications are by ground. Application is for CFF control. If closed cabs are required it will be OK because the use is so minor. Long REIs are not a problem."

Another source for cherry information in Idaho is Essie Fallahi, University of Idaho Extension Tree Fruit Specialist, and his number is (208) 722-6701 ext 225 and efallahi@uidaho.edu . The info he gave me in 2003 is: "Idaho grows in order apple, peach, cherry and also has one block of pears. Idaho cherries are sweet cherries. No tart cherries are grown in ID. The major cherry growers are John and Roger Williamson 208-459-7333. He also suggests calling Tom Lyon with Wilbur-Ellis. He is a crop advisor and can discuss dimethoate uses. His numbers are 208-459-1631 office and 208-880-1087 cel."

Finally OSU's Joe DeFrancesco coordinated the cherry PMSP meeting that took place in The Dalles in early November. He also may be able to provide some information. His contact info is defranci@science.oregonstate.edu and (541) 737-0718.

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