

For growth regulator application, the recommended target is when approximately 50% of the laterals are touching. Apogee (same as Kudos) + nitrogen + COC usually requires about 8 hours to absorb before being rainfast. From our tests and regional data, the 0.75x rate (5.44 oz/A) has performed comparable to the full 7.25 oz rate while costing a bit less. Tank mixtures with growth regulator should be considered with caution and tested in a jar. Fungicides often are compatible. I would lean towards separate applications if nutrients or herbicides also need to be applied unless you have experience with that specific combination.

In 2018 and 2019, VBC has come in about a month earlier than traditionally, particularly in the central to southwest counties of the state. A picture of the adult moth with the characteristic line from wing tip to wing tip is attached. Larvae can vary in color from light green to a black. Adding Dimilin to the 75 or 90 DAP fungicide application is an economical preventative measure we can take. VBC are typically easy to control, but the preventative approach also helps reduce possible need for pyrethroids while we still have a lot of growing season to go, reducing risk of flaring spider mites.

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**50% Row Closure**

**50% Laterals Touching**

