



Gill's Mealybug Pest Alert™

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ALERT #6**

FIELD OBSERVATIONS



**Gill's Mealybug
On Bud Tips**

GILL'S MEALYBUG OBSERVATIONS

Gill's Mealybug are on the verge of their migration away from the bud tips in the areas of Lost Hills, Kettleman City, Riverdale, Hanford, Five Points, and Corcoran. The application window is rapidly closing. Those who missed the dormant to budbreak application window will have another opportunity for treatment in May.

In Northern CA, Gill's mealybug have made their move from under the bark and can be found settling on the terminal shoots. If planning to spray at the dormant through budbreak timing to control Gill's mealybug in pistachios, an application of Centaur is recommended in the next 1 to 2 weeks. Remember spray coverage is very important!

An application of CENTAUR at delayed dormant through bud break is an excellent option for those growers who cannot use CENTAUR in-season. Always consult with processor's grower liaison to approve an application of CENTAUR. Use CENTAUR at 34.5 to 46 oz/A plus a good silicone or NIS surfactant with 150-200 GPA with a tractor speed of 2 MPH. Use the higher rate in orchards with high mealybug pressure. Open the nozzles to cover the trunk from the soil-line all the way up into the canopy wood. This application may also provide control of Frosted Scale.

An application of CENTAUR is rainfast as soon as it is dry (actual times will vary based on weather conditions).

FROSTED SCALE FIELD OBSERVATIONS

With warmer temperatures, frosted scales continue to molt and become insusceptible to treatment. Sprays beyond the end of March will miss a significant portion of the susceptible population.

NOTE: The field observations above are provided as general comments to help in treatment decisions. Individual field conditions can vary widely. Monitor individual fields carefully. Click [HERE](#) to view a video on how to scout for Gill's Mealybug.



Frosted Scale Molting

Northern CA
Central Valley
South/Central Valley
No. Central Valley
North SJV
South SJV

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