

## Guidelines for March

- During this month due to rise in temperature drip irrigation should be given @ 12-53, 78-127, and 145-180 liters per day for trees 1-4, 5-7, 8 years old and above respectively. Follow double ring method of irrigation and irrigate orchard 7 to 10 days. Use mulching in basins.
- During this month if there is *Phytophthora* symptoms on the tree trunk then scrap the affected part of the trunk, wash the surface with potassium permanganate solution and apply Mefenoxam MZ-68 paste. Spray Mefenoxam MZ-68 @ 2.50 g/liters or fosetyl Al @ 2.5g/litre fungicide on the tree covering the whole plant canopy.
- Apply Bordeaux paste on the tree trunk upto height of 60 cm by paint brush. For preparation of Bordeaux paste dissolve 1 kg copper sulphate in 5 litres of water in a plastic bucket and 1 kg slaked lime in 5 litres of water in separate bucket and leave it overnight. Next day mix them together in another bucket to make a paste. Apply the paste on tree trunk with in 12 hours after mixing.
- In case of citrus psylla and leaf miner attack, spray dimethoate 1.5 ml or imidacloprid 0.5 ml or quinalphos 2 ml or thiamethoxam 0.3 g in one liter water. Repeat spray after 15 days interval.
- In case of lemon butterfly infestation, spray quinalphos 2 ml or fenvalerate 1 ml in one liter water. Repeat spray after 15 days.
- Spray 2, 4-D 1.5gm with 1kg urea in 100 liters water to prevent fruit drop in *Ambia* fruits.
- Spray 2, 4-D/ 1.5gm and potassium nitrate 1kg in 100 liters water if there is sudden rise in temperature between 35 to 40 degree celcius.