



| 7-Day Application for Hard-to-Color Varieties |

## Managing Variable Fruit Maturity and Quality

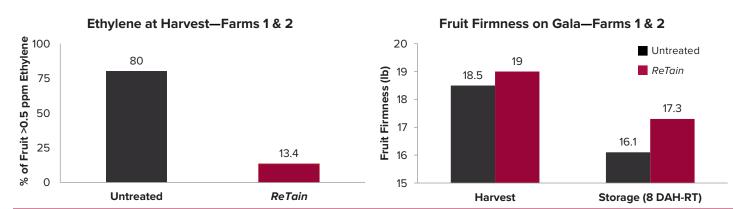
Variable fruit maturity leads to multiple picks and poor storage quality for many apple varieties. Growers need a product that can be stored in good condition, so they can meet consumer demands months after the harvest comes out of storage. ReTain® Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder slows the fruit's maturation and ripening processes. *ReTain* offers tremendous flexibility allowing applications up to 28 days before expected harvest. But for some hard-to-color varieties, such as Gala and Honeycrisp, an application 7 days before expected harvest may be the best solution. *ReTain*:

- Creates more even ripening (starch conversion) by controlling ethylene
- Delays maturation
- Offers harvest flexibility
- Delivers better quality going into storage with Fysium® (1-MCP)

### Improve Fruit Quality and Full Color Development

ReTain was applied to Honeycrisp apples 7 days before harvest and the result was even color throughout the block. Research has also shown that double applications of ReTain, when timed correctly, have been shown to be effective in multiple picks without impacting color. ReTain won't make red fruit green. Photo taken on September 14, five days after application. Location: Western, NY.





ReTain applied 7 days before a normal harvest stopped ethylene production and held fruit firmness. Providing a powerful harvest management tool and higher returns with better quality fruit out of the orchard.

- 1st pick of ReTain-treated fruit occurred 13-days following 1st harvest of untreated fruit
- ReTain rate = 333 grams/A
- DAH-RT = Days After Harvest-Room Temperature



### How To Use

Rate	1–2 <i>ReTain</i> pouches/A Packaging: water soluble pouch (50 grams AI/333 grams water soluble bag)
Method	Water volume: 100 gal/A or enough volume for adequate coverage without excessive runoff
	<ul> <li>Apply to healthy orchards. Do not apply to trees that may be nutrient, water or pest stressed.</li> </ul>
Surfactant	<ul> <li>For optimal response, use of an organosilicone surfactant at a concentration of 0.05–0.1% (v/v) may improve coverage</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The use of an organosilicone surfactant is especially critical for drop prone varieties</li> </ul>
PHI / REI	7 days / 12 hours

# ReTain Pre-Harvest Flexible Use Timing

Single Pick Harvest	Apply 1–2 <i>ReTain</i> pouches per acre, 21–28 days prior to the anticipated start of normal harvest  • <i>ReTain</i> applied 21–28 days before harvest will delay the harvest period up to 7–10 days
Multiple Pick Harvest	To improve the fruit quality and storage potential of later picked apples (2nd, 3rd, 4th picks), apply 1 pouch of <i>ReTain</i> per acre, 7–14 days prior to the anticipated start of normal harvest period  • <i>ReTain</i> applied 7–14 days before harvest typically will not delay the start of the harvest (1st pick) but will help maintain fruit quality in the later picks

### **Application Timing**

No more than 28 days
before anticipated harvest

As close as 7 days
before harvest

