Apples & Pears

Liquid seaweed has been used extensively on apples for at least twenty years overseas but it is only in the last six to eight years that its use on apples has become widespread in Australia. Liquid seaweed is used to achieve benefits in four areas, frost protection, increased fruit set (where needed), improved quality and increased shelf life.

Fair Dinkum Fertilizers has a number of products which are used on apples and pears. The particular product used depends on the desired benefit.

For increased frost protection use "COSY WRAP" or "FROST GUARD".

These need to be applied prior to bud burst then every 10-12 days at a rate of 2.5-3 L/ha. throughout the frost danger period.

For increased fruit set use "GOLD", "GOLD 100", "SUPERFINE" or "NB3" at a rate of 5 L/ha every two weeks from bud burst until the end of fruit set.

For increased shelf life use "GOLD", "GOLD 100" or "SUPERFINE" at a rate of 5 L/ha four and two weeks before harvest.

For improved fruit quality use "GOLD", "GOLD 100" or "SUPERINE" at a rate of 3 L/ha every two weeks after the end of fruit set.

Fair Dinkum "**SUPERFINE PREMIUM**" can be used to supply an immediately available form of nutrients (including nitrogen) to increase yield between the end of fruit set and three weeks before harvest.

For pricing on any of these products, please contact Fair Dinkum Fertilizers.

The standard products, in order of increasing price, which can be used on apples and pears are:

	Sprayer	Drippers	Comments		
NB3	Coarse	No	Made from dried seaweed.		
SUPERFINE	Fine	Yes	Made from dried seaweed and slightly acidic.		
GOLD	Coarse	No	Made from fresh seaweed		
FPC	Fine		Made from dried seaweed. Applied to foliage.		
GOLD 100	Fine	Yes	Made from fresh seaweed. Filtered to 100 microns.		
COSY WRAP	Coarse		Made from fresh seaweed. Applied to foliage.		
SUPERFINE PREMIUM	Fine	Yes	Made from dried seaweed. Contains added nutrients, NPK & trace elements.		

	NB3	SUPERFINE	SUPERFINE PREMIUM	GOLD	GOLD 100	FROST GUARD	COSY WRAP
Nitrogen (N)			5.7%				
Phosphorus (P)			1.0%				
Potassium (K)	3.4%	3.4%	5.6%	3.4%	3.4%	9.2%	4.0%
Sulphur (S)	0.8%	0.8%	6000 ppm	0.8%	0.8%	2.9%	0.9%
Copper (Cu)			555 ppm				
Zinc (Zn)			555 ppm				
Manganese (Mn)			105 ppm				
Molybdenum (Mo)			10 ppm				
Boron (B)			60 ppm				
Comments	Filtered to 600 micron	Filtered to 100 micron	Filtered to 100 micron	Filtered to 600 micron	Filtered to 100 micron	Filtered to 100 micron	Filtered to 100 micron







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