



## 8 Challenges with Calcium

- 1. Calcium has limited mobility. Preference is to move from leaf to fruit, not root to fruit.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Calcium needs Boron; the two work together to move into fruit.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. 90% of Calcium accumulated in fruit is in the first 6 weeks post flowering.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. Excess Ammonia, Mg and K can disrupt Ca absorption.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. Regular supply of Ca is necessary throughout the season.
- 6. Ca content is diluted as the fruit grows.<sup>5</sup>
- 7. Inadequate Ca is linked to Bitter pit, cracking, and many other physiological disorders
- 8. Ca in leaves is not a reliable measure of Ca in the fruit<sup>6</sup>

## The Solution

- Foliar applied Calcium is the most effective means to build Ca levels.
- Ensure Boron is a regular additive to the foliar spray.
- Use a chelated Calcium during the post flowering 6 week window and again before harvest.
- Uptake of Chelated Calcium is the most effective formulation, and is evidence based.

## **Why Biostim Calcium**

- Proven history of effective uptake
- Clean safe product
- 100% of the Calcium content is available
- Liquid concentration (not powder)
- Guarantees Calcium content is in the fruit
- Biostim Calcium is fully complexed (not all chelates are the same)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (Marschner, 1986 Hanotiaux, 1981:Kelman et al, 1989)

<sup>2 (</sup>Tang and de la Fuente r., 1986: Muhling et al. 1998)

<sup>3 (</sup>Shear 1975)

<sup>4 (</sup>Lucena, 1992)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> (Ferguson et al., 1993)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> (Cline, 1990, Horticultural Research Institute Ontario, Canada)





