

# Pomegranates

## Disorders

### **Fruit Cracking**

Fruit cracking is a serious problem of pomegranate. It is due to boron deficiency in young fruits while in developed fruits it may be caused due to extreme variations in day and night temperatures. At the time of fruit ripening, if the soils become too dry followed by heavy irrigation or rains, cracking may occur. Delay in harvesting of fully ripened fruits for a long time or severe attack of pest and disease also leads to cracking of the fruits.

**Control:** The water retention capacity of the plants should be increased by the use of organic manures. The plants should be irrigated regularly during the entire fruit development stage. Spraying of Boron (50 ppm) and GA (40ppm) on the young fruits minimizes the incidence of fruit cracking.