



Vermont Apple IPM Alert
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The **UVM Apple Orchard** website (<http://orchard.uvm.edu/>) and the **Vermont Apple IPM Focus website** (<http://orchard.uvm.edu/uvmapple/pest/>) have been updated with the 2008 Apple Bud Phenology chart and charts to monitor the Degree Day Accumulation for Arthropod Pests and Apple Scab Ascospore Maturity. These will be updated on a weekly basis during the growing season.

Also, the presentation that **Dr. Art Agnello** gave on "**OP Alternatives in Apple Arthropod Management**" at the VTFGA-UVM Apple Workshop on Feb. 26th has also been uploaded to the web. Please note that is a large file and may take a while to download if you have a dial-up connection.

Please **mark your calendars** and plan to attend the joint

New Hampshire - Massachusetts - Vermont Tree Fruit Twilight Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Robert Jasse, Owner, and Homer Dunn, Orchard Manager
Alyson's Orchard, Walpole, New Hampshire

George Hamilton of UNH CE Hillsborough County has pulled together this twilight meeting that should be very informative. The following is from an announcement that he prepared:

The first twilight meeting of the year will be focusing on early season disease and insect management and peach tree pruning. This meeting is a joint New Hampshire-Massachusetts-Vermont twilight meeting and Extension Specialists from the University of Massachusetts, University of Vermont and University of New Hampshire, will be present to discuss pest management options and orchard management.

Alan Eaton (UNH Cooperative Extension Entomology and IPM Specialist), Lorraine Berkett (Univ. of Vermont Extension Professor), and Dan Cooley (U. of Mass. Extension Specialist) will be discussing the pest management options. Wes Autio and Jon Clement (Extension Tree Fruit Specialists from U. of Mass) and Bill Lord (UNH Cooperative Extension Fruit Specialist, Emeriti) will demonstrate pruning peach trees and ground cover management.

Two (2) New Hampshire pesticide-license recertification credits will be offered. You must sign in by 5:30 p.m. to receive pesticide credits!

We will be conducting the meeting at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, New Hampshire, where Robert Jasse, orchard owner, and Homer Dunn, orchard manager, will be hosting the meeting.

Directions: The orchard is located at 57 Alyson's Lane, Walpole, NH (off Route 12).

From Points North or South: Take I-91 to Exit 5; Turn to follow Rt. 5 South; then Rt. 123 East (immediately after Mobil Gas station). Turn onto Rt. 12 south for 4.3 miles. The entrance to the orchard will be on the left.

From Keene: Take Rt. 12 north for approximately 13 miles (from the junction with Rt.9). Entrance to the orchard is on the right.

We will be starting at the main barn and will be going out to the orchard at 5:30 p.m. for a tour, and then returning to the main barn for the early season disease and insect management presentations.

Come prepared for the weather conditions of the day. Individuals requiring special accommodations in order to participate and for more information, contact Carl Majewski UNH CE Cheshire County office at (603)352-4550 or George Hamilton at the UNH CE Hillsborough County office at (603)641-6060 by April 4 .

I have requested that the meeting be approved for 2 Vermont pesticide recertification credits and am waiting approval.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

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