



Vermont Apple IPM Alert
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Stage of Bud: Dormant at the UVM Hort. Research Center

Apple Scab Ascospore Maturity Alert -- The Hudson Valley Lab reported observing mature ascospores when they checked a sample of overwintered leaves on Monday, April 7th. The buds on their McIntosh trees still had not reached Green Tip. It appears the snow cover this winter has insulated the leaves from very cold and dry conditions which impact ascospore maturation. This serves as an indication that mature ascospores in Vermont may be ready to be released when we reach Green Tip and rains at that point may turn into important infection periods. Be prepared.

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