

Vermont Apple IPM Alert Lorraine P. Berkett May 21, 2008 UPDATE

A quick update on Maryblyt predictions for the beginning of next week --

We ran the Maryblyt computer model with projected weather estimates that we received from Skybit this morning. For the first time this growing season the Maryblyt model is indicating that if there are blossoms present in the four orchards we have been monitoring (So. Burlington, So. Hero, Shoreham, Dummerston) next Tuesday, May 27, and there is rain, the predicted temperatures would meet the criteria for infection to occur. This is a very long-range prediction and should be viewed as a "heads-up", particularly for late-blooming areas of the state.

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