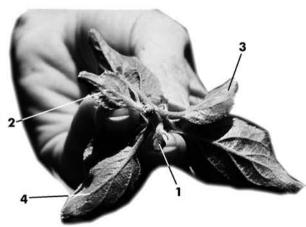
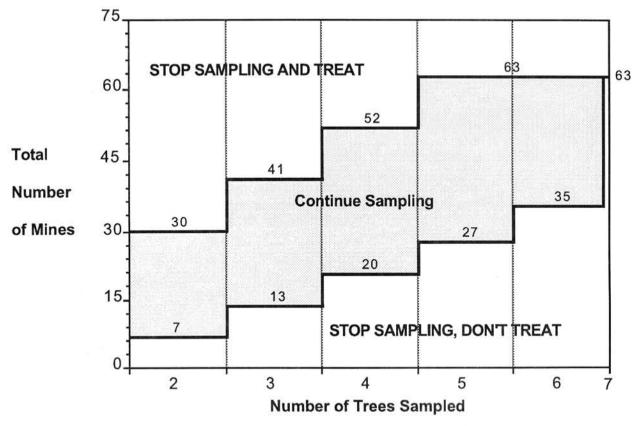
STLM PETAL FALL SAMPLING FORM

- If STLM eggs were not sampled during the pink or early bloom stage, a decision on 1st generation control can still be made by sampling sap-feeding mines at petal fall.
 After all the blossoms have fallen, start near one corner of the block, and go to every other tree until you have sampled enough trees to reach a decision. Select 3 fruit clusters from around the canopy of each tree sampled.
- Using a magnifier, count the mines on the undersides of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th leaves in each cluster, counting leaves in the order they unfolded (see diagram at right).



 After 2 trees have been sampled, begin comparing the accumulated total number of mines found with the decision lines shown in the chart below for that number of trees.



If the number of mines falls between the two stairstep lines, sample another tree. If the total is less than the lower line, sampling is stopped and no treatment is recommended. If the total is greater than the upper line, sampling is stopped and a treatment is recommended at petal fall. If 7 trees are sampled and the total number of mines equals 63, the population is below threshold.

Refer to Cornell's Pest Management Recommendations for Commercial Tree-Fruit Production for a choice of pesticide materials.