

OrganicA

a resource for organic apple production

Orchard Observations

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Clear blue skies and temperatures in the low 80F forecast for August 13!

Perfect weather for the Organic Orchard Tour & Workshop at the UVM Hort. Farm. -- This event is co-sponsored by NOFA-VT and the OrganicA Project. What has been learned about organic apple production will be discussed. Discussion and tour will be from **2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.** Details are at: http://www.nofavt.org/upcoming-event-details.php?e_id=1819 [Cost: \$10 for NOFA members, \$15 for nonmembers]

Hope to see you there !



Orchard 2

The past two weeks have been dedicated to assessment of foliage for disease and arthropod incidence/damage. It definitely takes a long time to evaluate all five cultivars in each orchard. Above is a picture of Morgan Cromwell assessing the foliage and Sarah Kingsley-Richards recording the data in Orchard 2. This was done at the end of July because Morgan then left to present her Master's research at a national plant pathology scientific conference during the first

week of August. Her research on evaluating alternative organic fungicides in apple production was very well received.

Below is Terry Bradshaw assessing the foliage in Orchard I for disease and arthropod incidence/damage. Terry is currently working on a M.S. degree which involves research in this orchard.

After we enter all the data into the computer we will be able to see if there are any differences among the cultivars within each organic orchard.



Next -- We will be starting to harvest the fruit in the very near future !

IMPORTANT: It is the grower's responsibility to ensure that any crop production practice or material used in the orchard is acceptable in their particular state's organic certification program. Some materials deemed organically acceptable on the National List may not be acceptable in some states. Contact your [federally accredited certifying agency](#) to know what is acceptable and to ensure compliance with regulations in your state.

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For more information on the OrganicA Project please see:

<http://www.uvm.edu/organica/>

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