

# OrganicA

a resource for organic apple production

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## Orchard Observations

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When will the rain stop ?? Hopefully, the sun will shine a bit more during the coming week.

We are getting ready for harvest at which time we will be conducting an extensive fruit evaluation. We are a bit concerned about the Ginger Gold fruit in Orchard 2 since the crows have found them (see below left). We are also seeing what appears to be black rot coming in at lenticels (see below right) -- we need to investigate this further. At this point, the incidence of rot does not appear extensive but it is disturbing.



Bird Damage on Ginger Gold



Rot on Ginger Gold

Luckily, the other cultivars are looking nice....



Macoun



Honeycrisp



Liberty



Zestar!

Research News: Morgan Cromwell, a graduate student who is evaluating alternative organic options to lime sulfur and sulfur in disease management, presented her 2007 results at a UVM research day this spring and at national scientific meeting in July. Her first year results can be viewed at: <http://www.uvm.edu/~organica/OrganicAProject/Cromwell2007Results.pdf>

Morgan and Sarah Kingsley-Richards have started the final 2008 foliar assessment of disease incidence and severity associated with various alternatives -- a very time-consuming, but important task.



Morgan Cromwell



Sarah Kingsley-Richards

A Correction: In the August 1, 2008 issue of Orchard Observations, I mentioned we had applied BT and spinosad that week -- we only had applied spinosad.

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