

OrganicA

a resource for organic apple production

 Orchard  Observations

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Just some Reminders...

Organic Apple Session at the New England Veg. & Fruit Conference -- December 15.

We will present summaries of the research that has been conducted in Orchard 1 and Orchard 2 at two conferences this winter. We have organized an organic apple workshop on Thursday morning, December 15, 2011, at the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference which will be held in Manchester, NH. Registration information and details on the multi-day conference can be found at: <http://www.newenglandvfc.org/> On Thursday morning, project personnel will discuss results and insights in the following presentations:

- The OrganicA Project - Research Objectives and Project Overview
- Horticultural Challenges and Opportunities in Two Organic Apple Orchard Systems with Ginger Gold, Honeycrisp, Liberty, Macoun, and Zestar!
- IPM Challenges and Opportunities in Two Organic Apple Orchard Systems containing Ginger Gold, Honeycrisp, Liberty, Macoun, and Zestar!
- Ground Cover Management Trials in an Organic Apple Orchard in Maine
- Further Discussion on Economics, Soil Health, and Viewpoints of Organic Apple Growers.

Hope to see you in Manchester, NH on December 15th !

If you cannot make it to the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference in December, another conference that may interest you is:

The NOFA-NY Organic Research Symposium and Farming Winter Conference which will be held on **January 19-22, 2012** in Saratoga Springs, NY. Information about this conference can be found at: <http://www.nofany.org/events/winter-conference>. The brochure that outlines the whole meeting is at:

http://issuu.com/bwedel/docs/2012_conference_brochure?mode=window&viewMode=doublePage

We plan to have a number of posters summarizing OrganicA Project research at the symposium.

New Apple Resource on Web -- There is a new resource with information on apple production on the web at: <http://www.extension.org/apples> . It is not focused on organic apple production but it contains basic information on apple cultivars and rootstocks, pictures and descriptions of various apple diseases and arthropod pests, etc., which may very helpful to you. *Check it out !*

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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We Value Your Input and Want to Address Your Needs

Please send your comments and suggestions to lorraine.berkett@uvm.edu

For more information on the OrganicA Project please see:

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

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