

OrganicA

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Orchard Observations

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Things continue to be wet but relatively “quiet” in the orchards this week. We had an additional 2+ inches of rain over the last week and assumed the foliage and fruit were unprotected. So, we re-applied BT for leps and spinosad for apple maggot flies. We also applied what hopefully will be our last fungicide application (sulfur) for the season.

However, things were not quiet in PieTree Orchard in Sweden Maine yesterday afternoon ! We sincerely thank Scott Miller and the owners of the orchard for a wonderful tour (and delicious cookies !). About 27 people from Maine, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont enthusiastically walked through the organically-managed orchards and listened while Scott described what he has accomplished and his goals for the future. It was very interesting. Thanks also are extended to Dr. Renae Moran of the University of Maine for her contributions and to the people who attended the tour for sharing their insights and experiences !



Introductions at the barn



Out to the orchards ... the rain held off.



Discussions in the orchards



Further discussions inside.

Thank you, again, Scott and Pietree Orchard for hosting the Orchard Tour !

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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