

REPORT

1999 Apple IPM Demonstration in Orange and Ulster Counties

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Abstract

This apple growing season 6 farms were involved in the IPM Program in Orange and Ulster Counties. All 6 growers had positive experiences with the scouts and program procedures. Harvest evaluations were conducted and showed that there was no significant difference between apples under IPM program management and those managed more conventionally. In several cases, growers followed IPM program recommendations on the entire farm.

Background:

An IPM scouting program for apples has been tried on a few farms over the years. With each attempt, continuity or interest waned in the Hudson Valley. Interest from the growers has been building recently. The strong, sizable IPM program within Orange County CCE is able to provide the consistency necessary for success. Many growers feel that if they participate in the IPM Program they are “required” to follow IPM thresholds and protocol. We selected growers that had shown interest in apple scouting and/or already participate in the IPM scouting program in other commodities. In 1999 we added 2 growers that were new to the local IPM program. One of whom is the largest apple grower in Orange and Ulster counties.

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