# Tree Fruit Scout Training

#### **2024** *Opportunities*

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**Winter Fruit Conferences** Feb. 2024









**Integrated Pest Management** 

### History of IPM in 60 seconds



**GMOs** – Increase adoption of biocontrol - emphasis on softer pesticides – Digital **IPM technologies** – **Building Ecological Resilience.** 

Chinese use natural enemies to control pests

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2500 B.C. Sumerians used sulfur compounds to kill pests **Revolution**"

- EPA established - USDA creates nationwide IPM programs - DDT cancelled

Increase IPM

# IPM Approach to Orchard Management

#### **IPM Approach:**

- A science-based approach to managing pests sustainably (insects, diseases, wildlife, weeds)
- Uses an array of complementary methods



Prevention

https://www.northeastipm.org/schools/the-steps-of-ipm/#step1

# History of orchard IPM in NY

#### • 1972 – IPM being used in NY Orchards

- Reduced Risk Pesticide Programs
- Farm advisors and per-acre fees for weekly scouting and recommendations
- 1981 computer-based system
- 1982 private IPM cooperative formed
- 1985 telephone survey: IPM being used on NY Apple Acreage
  - 8% Full IPM program
  - 73% Partial IPM program



Fig. 1. Harvey Reissig (r.) instructs a grower, Ralph Brown of Waterport, NY, how to sample first generation spotted tentiform leafminer eggs.

#### Pest management is tied to phenology

#### Phenological stages in apple



#### **Growth Stages in Fruit Trees**

https://ecommons.cornell.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/317dc529-3265-4f8c-87a2-

473c2e3e790b/content#:~:text=Growth%20Stages%3A%20(1)%20dormant,York%20growers%20at%20this%20season

### Pest management is tied to phenology

#### 2023 Cornell Pest Management Guidelines for Commercial Tree Fruit Production



#### Cornell Cooperative Extension

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These guidelines are not a substitute for pesticide labeling. Always read and understand the product label before using any pesticide. Table 7.1.4. Degree-day accumulations (from Jan. 1) corresponding to selected fruit phenology and arthropod pest events.

	DD Base 43°F		DD Base 50°F		Approx. Date	
Pest/Phenology Event	mean	std dev	mean	std dev	mean	std dev
STLM Traps set out	1-April					
Pear psylla – egg laying	84	44	33	21	4-Apr	11 days
Redbanded leafroller – 1st catch	145	32	62	20	16-Apr	9 days
Rosy apple aphid – 1 <sup>st</sup> nymphs present	189	55	86	30	25-Apr	7 days
STLM – 1 <sup>st</sup> adult catch	166	49	73	29	19-Apr	9 days
STLM – 1st egg observed	208	65	94	36	27-Apr	5 days
Tight cluster (McIntosh)	232	26	108	17	27-Apr	8 days
Tarnished plant bug – 1st observed	222	105	105	62	25-Apr	15 days
OBLR - 1st overwintered larvae observed	236	78	112	48	29-Apr	7 days
European red mite - egg hatch observed	284	53	134	34	6-May	4 days
STLM Egg Sample	Pink					
OFM Traps set out	Pink					
Pink (McIntosh)	291	25	140	18	3-May	7 days
Oriental fruit moth - 1st adult catch	273	51	129	33	2-May	8 days
STLM – 1 <sup>st</sup> flight peak	338	70	168	45	7-May	8 days
OBLR Overwintered Gen. Sample	Bloom					
CM Traps set out	Bloom					
Full bloom (McIntosh)	380	36	194	25	10-May	6 days
Lesser appleworm - 1st catch	420	144	217	88	13-May	12 days
American plum borer - 1st catch	457	64	240	45	16-May	7 days
Oriental fruit moth – 1st flight peak	432	102	225	60	14-May	11 days
Codling moth - 1st adult catch	481	85	254	54	18-May	7 days
San Jose scale $-1$ <sup>st</sup> adult catch	526	88	279	60	21-May	8 days

# 1972: Simplified Monitoring Program

#### Goals:

- 1. Teach growers and consultants to use **simple, formalized, sampling procedures & action thresholds**, to evaluate need for treatment
- 2. When necessary to treat, select least destructive management
- 3. Minimize the amount of time spent monitoring
- 4. Teach relatively untrained participants quickly

#### In 2024: We have the same goals

5. Stay on top of new information & strategies, and train new people in industry

#### **BF224: Tree Fruit Scouting**

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### **BF 224: Tree Fruit Scouting**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Orchards

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https://smallfarmcourses.com/

## **BF224: Tree Fruit Scouting**

Training for tree fruit growers, orchard employees, other industry professionals, and interested students on the **biology**, **identification**, and **monitoring** of major economically significant **orchard pests**.

#### Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM, Feb. 28 – Mar. 27

- Week 1 (2/28): IPM Fundamentals + Tools
- Week 2 (3/6): Insects: Part 1
- Week 3 (3/13): Insects: Part 2
- Week 4 (3/20): Diseases
- Week 5 (3/27): Weeds, Wildlife, + Wrap-Up



## 2024 Apple Scouting Cohorts

**NOW RECRUITING!** 



Cohort Training

- Pre-/Post-bloom trainings regionally
- Weekly monitoring and data sharing



Data



# Thank you!

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#### Please complete the 2024 IPM Tactics Survey:



http://tinyurl.com/4bhma4jh