



Vermont Apple IPM Alert
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Stage of Bud: Green Tip at UVM HRC

Apple Scab Ascospore Maturity: Today, upon examining about 15 pseudothecia (black fruiting bodies) dissected out of about five scabby, overwintered leaves from underneath non-sprayed McIntosh trees at the UVM HRC, I did not see any mature ascospores. Basically, the asci (sacs) in which the ascospores develop did not look much different from last week. I saw just a few more asci with the faint outlines of very immature ascospores. Again, It must be remembered that five leaves is a *very, very small sample* and it is purely by luck to get a representation of what is occurring. In warmer parts of the state, maturation should be farther along.