



Vermont Apple IPM Alert

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Stage of Bud: Late Green Tip at UVM HRC

Apple Scab Ascospore Maturity: It should be no surprise to hear that there are ascospores that look mature in pseudothecia. 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 observe ascospores that were mature in about 3 pseudothecia and I saw one empty asci - meaning that there had been some discharge. We are tracking degree days and will include estimated % mature on our website and in the newsletter. In warmer parts of the state, maturation should be farther along.