



Vermont Apple IPM Alert
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Three important items....

- **Crop Insurance Deadline is Nov. 20, 2009.** The following information is from Pam Smith who is the Crop Insurance Coordinator for UVM Extension:

The final date for Vermont apple and peach growers to obtain crop insurance on next year's crop is November 20, 2009. Current policyholders likewise have until November 20 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Price elections for 2010 will be \$12.15 per bushel for fresh apples and \$34.50 per bushel for fresh peaches. Crop insurance provides coverage against production losses due to damage caused by natural perils and adverse weather conditions such as hail, wind, frost, and drought. Your actual amount of coverage will be determined from your actual yields and the protection level you select. Fruit producers should consider making crop insurance an essential part of their overall risk management plan to help protect their operations from financial loss. Growers are encouraged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for more detailed information and premium quotes. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the following Risk Management Agency web site: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

- **Reduce Overwintering Scab Inoculum for Next Year.**

Just a quick reminder that shredding fallen apple leaves will help to reduce overwintering inoculum for next year.

- **Mark your Calendars.**

The **New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference** will be held in Manchester, NH, on **December 15-17, 2009. Pre-registration deadline is Nov. 30.** The website for more information is: <http://www.newenglandvfc.org/>

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