Apple IPM for Beginners

A Series of 15 How-To Fact Sheets

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What is IPM?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach that relies on a combination of cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical controls to manage pests. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the crop plants and the environment. This information is used to prevent pests from exceeding an economic damage threshold, using the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.
This series of fact sheets will help you address the major apple pests, but does not guarantee perfect fruit. These fact sheets and scouting guides are a compromise between the most accurate, complex information researchers have to offer and the amount of information a beginner can take in. Read the first 4 chapters carefully to start this new venture. Then follow the Scouting Calendar as apple stage of growth advances week-by-week.
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