2019 Connecticut Report

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Apple scab was minimal this season in non-organic orchards, a surprise considering the extent of our wet spring weather. Growers felt as though they never got off the sprayer.

The high amount of **PC** injury can be blamed on the extended bloom period and many growers kept the bees in longer than usual.

Bitter pit has been an ongoing issue, particularly with Honeycrisp. This year was no different even with foliar calcium sprays.

BMSB populations were very low most of the season, exceeding threshold the week of August 20 using the Trece clear sticky trap and lure (4/trap threshold). The tedder trap with Ag Bio lures reached threshold the week of September 17 (10 cumulative/trap threshold). Trap numbers on both types began to drop the week of October 1st, although still remaining above threshold in some blocks.





On fruit in early September. On a leaf in June;

Oriental Fruit Moth injury on peach – more this year than in past few years.



Organic orchards had plenty of apple scab, brown rot, PT & LPT borers, psylla. Part of the problem is that the fruit gets 'forgotten' about at some farms when they are hustling with vegetables for CSAs. Psylla picture was on a no-spray organic farm.





