

Northeastern IPM Center - Tree Fruit IPM Working Group						
Ranking of Research and Extension Priorities: 6-Year Comparison						
New England, NY, Canadian Fruit IPM Workshop, Burlington, VT - Oct. 24-25, 2017 (27 respondents)						
						Percent Weighted Rank
Pome Fruit Diseases	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Apple scab	26.2	24.3	26.8	29.5	29.0	29.0
Fire blight	29.0	32.3	29.0	30.8	25.1	27.9
Powdery mildew	3.3	6.4	9.6	12.9	12.3	10.3
Sooty Blotch/Flyspeck	4.6	5.2	6.8	8.3	10.7	15.5
Fruit Rots	11.1	12.0	14.6	11.7	10.7	9.7
Rust diseases	3.3	4.0	2.6	1.8	4.6	2.9
Replant disease	2.8	0.8	2.6	1.2	4.4	-
Anthracnose	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.4
Cankers	3.1	3.6	4.4	3.4	0.9	2.7
Root rots	2.1	3.2	2.2	0.6	0.7	1.7
Fabraea leaf spot	1.8	0.0	1.5	0.9	-	-
Phytophthora	2.6	1.6	-	-	-	-
Storage rots/pre-harvest sprays	1.8	5.2	-	-	-	-
Tree stress (>black stem borer/SAD)	8.0	-	-	-	-	-
Scald	0.3	-	-	-	-	-
Direct (Fruit-attacking) Pome Fruit Insect Pests	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Internal leps (Codling moth, OFM, Lesser appleworm)	22.3	23.8	24.2	24.7	24.0	25.0
Plum curculio	20.8	25.9	20.8	22.4	19.2	20.6
Apple maggot	17.4	19.2	16.9	21.8	18.0	17.6
Stink bugs	17.4	17.2	15.9	18.4	15.1	11.0
Obliquebanded leafroller	4.9	7.1	10.0	6.0	9.4	17.6
Spotted wing Drosophila	6.9	2.5	2.9	2.9	8.4	1.6
European apple sawfly	1.8	2.5	3.7	3.2	4.1	1.8
Tarnished plant bug (2015: Plant bugs)	1.5	1.3	5.7	2.3	1.7	5.0
Spotted lanternfly	0.3	0.4	-	-	-	-
Scales	3.6	-	-	-	-	-
Japanese beetle	2.8	-	-	-	-	-
(write-in) gypsy moth	0.3	-	-	-	-	-
Pome Fruit Indirect Arthropod Pests/ Beneficial species	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
European red mite/Twospotted spider mite	11.7	18.0	17.8	24.9	24.4	25.6
San Jose Scale	13.7	15.9	23.3	23.5	17.2	11.2
Predator mites	7.1	10.5	10.1	12.5	13.2	14.2
Borers/Ambrosia beetles	22.4	19.7	18.0	18.0	12.7	4.3
Woolly apple aphid	9.6	6.3	10.8	8.7	8.7	17.6
Potato/White apple leafhoppers	4.9	3.3	5.1	3.5	8.5	6.1
Leafminers	2.2	1.7	3.8	1.2	5.2	6.7
Pear psylla	6.6	4.2	7.6	7.8	5.0	6.5
Rosy apple aphid	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.5	4.7	7.1
Mealybugs	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.6
Predator conservation	16.7	15.9	-	-	-	-
Apple leafcurling midge	1.6	1.3	-	-	-	-
Rust mites	0.8	0.4	-	-	-	-
Cherry Arthropod Pests	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Spotted wing Drosophila	34.5	28.7	19.3	26.8	24.3	29.1
Plum curculio	14.9	13.0	16.0	23.2	20.7	22.7
Cherry fruit flies	16.1	24.3	15.1	18.6	20.7	14.4
Japanese beetle	12.2	13.0	12.3	15.9	13.6	12.7
Peachtree borers	10.2	7.8	6.6	9.1	9.3	4.2
Brown marmorated stink bug	5.9	2.6	8.5	3.6	5.7	12.5

Cherry Arthropod Pests (cont.)		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Aphids		2.7	3.5	9.9	0.5	5.0	3.6
American plum borer		1.2	6.1	4.2	0.0	0.7	0.6
Scales		2.4	0.9	8.0	4.1	0.0	0.3
Cherry Diseases/Disorders		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Brown rot		28.8	33.0	31.5	32.8	32.9	29.9
Bacterial canker		25.5	24.5	24.7	27.3	20.6	24.1
Leaf spot		10.9	5.3	4.9	7.6	11.2	10.5
X-disease		5.2	20.2	5.6	4.0	2.9	4.7
Fruit cracking		16.9	5.3	21.0	16.2	18.8	17.8
Black knot		8.6	5.3	3.7	7.6	4.7	3.4
Viruses		2.2	3.2	4.9	4.0	0.6	5.5
Phytophthora		1.1	3.2	1.9	1.5	1.8	1.8
Powdery mildew		0.7	0.0	1.9	2.0	6.5	2.1
Peach Direct (fruit-attacking) Insect Pests		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Brown marmorated & other stink bugs		28.4	29.6	25.9	33.6	25.9	26.7
Plum curculio		15.1	16.0	16.3	19.9	22.4	18.2
Oriental fruit moth		19.4	20.0	20.1	24.1	20.5	20.3
Spotted wing Drosophila		14.0	11.2	13.7	12.4	17.5	19.1
Tarnished plant bug		7.6	8.0	13.1	11.6	9.9	12.7
Obliquebanded leafroller		0.4	2.4	2.9	2.5	3.8	1.8
Western flower thrips		2.5	2.4	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.2
Japanese beetle		7.2	10.4	6.1	-	-	-
Wasps		0.7	-	-	-	-	-
White "peach" (Prunicola) scale		4.7	-	-	-	-	-
Peach Indirect Arthropod Pests		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Japanese beetle		19.6	25.2	20.1	24.9	24.4	22.2
Peachtree borers		33.3	31.9	31.1	33.2	33.8	35.8
Mites		11.8	6.7	12.5	12.4	13.3	16.5
Scales		17.6	16.8	17.4	14.5	11.6	6.3
American plum borer		6.7	9.2	5.3	2.5	1.8	8.5
Green peach aphid		11.0	10.1	13.6	14.1	15.1	9.8
Peach Diseases		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Brown rot		29.9	31.9	32.7	38.3	30.7	32.0
Bacterial spot		22.6	19.3	25.1	30.4	24.9	22.9
Peach leaf curl		11.5	9.2	11.2	14.5	11.1	15.0
Powdery mildew		6.6	4.2	4.8	8.9	10.0	7.0
X-disease		5.2	8.4	10.8	7.5	8.4	6.5
Perennial canker		10.1	8.4	8.8	7.5	5.7	4.7
Peach scab		2.8	3.4	3.6	0.0	3.8	6.7
Phytophthora rots		3.8	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.3
Plum pox		0.0	2.5	1.6	6.1	2.3	2.9
Winter kill		6.9	8.4	-	-	-	-
Rusty spot		0.7	0.0	-	-	-	-
Vertebrate Pests		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Deer		25.1	30.7	28.9	35.8	28.8	31.8
Voles		23.8	27.1	27.3	29.2	25.5	24.7
Birds		23.5	17.4	17.9	23.3	23.6	21.3
Rabbits		5.7	4.1	4.9	7.5	7.1	6.4
Turkeys		7.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.8	8.0
Groundhogs		5.0	3.7	8.6	3.5	5.5	5.2
Canada geese		0.5	0.0	3.3	0.9	3.6	1.6
Beavers		0.0	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.8
Porcupines		2.3	0.5	2.3	-	-	-

Vertebrate Pests (cont.)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Raccoons	0.0	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Fishers	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Crows	7.0	6.9	-	-	-	-
Foxes	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
Postharvest Issues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Post-harvest decay management	17.9	24.6	18.5	28.1	29.2	28.1
GAPS & Food safety (2015: & FSMA)	20.2	16.9	19.3	22.2	17.7	18.1
Post-harvest drench alternatives	12.0	8.7	11.2	15.0	16.4	21.3
Bin sanitation	6.2	8.2	9.8	7.2	9.1	16.8
Scald	4.1	9.2	5.3	5.9	8.6	9.0
Bitter Pit	18.2	16.4	22.4	15.7	6.2	-
Packing line sanitation	0.9	4.1	4.2	0.0	5.6	6.6
1-MCP	5.6	5.6	4.8	5.6	5.1	-
CO2 Damage	0.9	1.5	4.5	2.3	2.1	-
Flesh browning	2.6	3.6	-	-	-	-
Sanitation in storage facilities (new FSMA reqmt)	8.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
Canadian small bin controlled storages	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
(write-in) ultra-low oxygen	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
(write-in) soft scald	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Ground Cover Management	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Alternatives to herbicides, mulching, cultivation	21.5	22.7	18.8	13.6	15.6	19.1
Perennial weed management	17.8	25.6	28.1	28.6	22.7	23.5
Use of new herbicides	9.9	6.7	12.6	17.3	16.4	19.1
Herbicide resistance	5.2	9.2	7.2	5.5	7.4	8.5
Timing of control methods	10.4	9.7	12.6	17.6	16.4	15.6
Winter injury, etc. from glyphosate	4.2	13.4	6.5	7.8	7.1	8.1
Weed biology & ID	2.5	5.0	9.1	5.5	7.4	3.3
Nutrient competition	2.2	5.0	3.5	1.4	6.0	2.3
Best use of old herbicides	2.5	0.4	1.6	2.0	1.1	0.6
phytotoxicity and soil health of herbicides	5.7	2.1	-	-	-	-
Under-tree ground covers	9.4	-	-	-	-	-
Biological weed control	3.2	-	-	-	-	-
soil health/carbon sequestration	5.7	-	-	-	-	-
Application Technology Issues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Spray coverage vs. control	18.5	22.8	26.9	30.0	25.1	27.3
Calibration	16.4	25.0	24.1	23.9	21.1	19.2
Drift management	16.7	12.1	15.9	14.4	15.9	16.1
Adjuvants w/ thinners (instead of oil)	5.7	3.6	8.9	8.1	11.0	9.8
Phytotoxicity and fruit finish	10.2	12.5	12.9	13.9	8.7	-
Canopy spray issues	3.9	8.9	6.1	3.9	7.0	11.3
Fixed spraying systems	0.5	2.7	1.2	2.8	6.8	9.0
Single-sided sprays in high density plantings	3.9	1.8	3.0	2.5	2.6	6.0
Herbicide shields	3.7	5.4	1.2	0.6	1.9	1.3
Tower sprayer options	1.8	2.2	-	-	-	-
Appli of growth regulators to canopy	2.9	1.8	-	-	-	-
Tank mixes (synergistic or antagonistic effects)	10.2	1.3	-	-	-	-
Crop-adapted spraying	5.5	-	-	-	-	-
Pest Management Education Issues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Workshops for advisors/growers	17.6	18.5	20.3	27.8	22.4	22.7
Orchard demos	12.1	15.8	9.3	14.2	14.8	17.7
Production Guidelines publication	14.1	17.6	15.7	20.6	13.4	-
Web-based delivery methods	13.4	12.2	14.9	17.4	9.5	16.2
Pesticide applicator workshops	6.4	4.5	6.6	6.1	9.2	9.1

Pest Management Education Issues (cont.)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Smart phone apps	5.4	6.8	10.9	5.8	7.5	8.7
Consumer education	5.0	6.3	9.1	4.6	5.6	8.6
Biocontrol demos	7.7	2.7	4.6	0.6	5.1	7.1
Education for policy makers	2.5	5.0	4.2	0.9	3.4	5.2
Virtual IPM workshops based on plant growth simulations	0.0	0.0	0.6	-	-	-
e-version of Guidelines; web or app	9.4	7.7	-	-	-	-
training for pstm applicator exams	1.7	0.9	-	-	-	-
Pesticide safety programs	4.7	2.3	3.8	2.0	9.0	3.9
General IPM Issues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Pesticide resistance	10.1	15.6	17.4	22.0	22.6	22.6
Invasive/exotic species	10.6	18.7	19.6	24.6	15.6	25.5
Weather/information delivery systems	14.8	16.9	19.0	20.6	15.4	15.3
Cost reduction	3.7	7.1	6.8	7.7	10.3	13.9
Pollinator conservation	9.6	15.1	8.2	10.3	9.8	-
Organic production	6.9	6.7	3.8	4.6	8.9	6.5
Pheromone technology	3.2	5.3	10.4	4.0	6.8	7.9
OP/carbamate replacements	2.0	1.3	5.4	2.6	4.2	5.9
Abandoned orchard impact	1.7	0.9	1.6	0.9	3.3	2.2
IPF certification	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6	2.8	0.2
Groundwater monitoring	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.0
Metrics of IPM adoption	5.9	5.8	5.8	4.6	-	-
Impacts of potential product losses on spray progs	2.0	2.2	-	-	-	-
Drones for crop mgt	4.4	0.9	-	-	-	-
Beneficial insects	5.9	1.3	-	-	-	-
Pest monitoring & thresholds	11.6	2.2	-	-	-	-
Climate change adaptation	6.4	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Issues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Pesticide registration procedures/restrictions	13.4	17.1	14.6	25.2	23.2	23.4
Clarification of labels	9.4	8.8	13.8	18.2	15.8	13.7
Harmonization of labels	12.7	9.3	8.3	15.7	14.8	12.4
Invasive species	9.6	17.1	14.2	17.6	12.8	15.8
Production standards for imports/exports (MRLs)	4.1	0.9	2.2	9.6	10.7	9.3
Right-to-farm/drift issues	6.6	4.6	5.9	8.0	7.9	13.0
Smaller package sizes	8.4	6.0	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.8
Use of "Generally Regarded As Safe" products	3.5	4.6	2.8	1.0	3.6	4.8
Labor Regulations	8.9	4.6	9.5	1.9	2.5	-
Surface water regulations	2.5	1.9	13.4	0.6	2.2	3.4
Fast-track NYS label registrations	1.5	2.3	0.4	0.3	1.6	-
Updates on WPS	1.5	7.9	2.8	0.3	1.1	0.4
Pollinator protection	10.4	12.0	6.7	-	-	-
Spanish labels	3.8	2.8	-	-	-	-
Containment disposal	1.8	-	-	-	-	-
Cost containment	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food processing license fees	0.8	-	-	-	-	-
(write-in) FSMA	1.3	-	-	-	-	-