

ANOTHER TRICK TO TRY FOR GROWING ORGANIC APPLES

You could try growing pestresistant, disease-resistant varieties:
I have researched 15 varieties you might want to try:

1. Akane
2. Williams's Pride
3. Kidd's Orange Red
4. ~~See~~ Sweet Sixteen
5. Liberty
6. Spartan
7. Branley's Seeding
8. Enterprise
9. Hudson's Golden Gem
10. Ash mead's Kernel
11. Bell de Boskoop
12. Chieftain
13. Crimson Crisp
14. Crimson Topaz
15. Honey crisp

Some of these varieties can be ordered from Fedco Trees
Catogue. The address is :

Fedco Trees
P.O. Box 520
Waterville, Maine 04903-0520
Phone 207-426-9900

Others can be ordered from Cummins Nursery

The address is: Cummins Nursery
1408 Trumansburg Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
Phone 607-592-2801

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This will be my third year growing organic apples. Apples hold on to their sprays very well. I was getting concerned about eating all that spray myself. I have come up with a four-part plan to do away with the spray.

1. I have come up with a fermented juice that is an attractant to codling moths, the proverbial worm in the apple. A little orchard humor: there's nothing worst than finding half a worm in an apple. I mix 1 cup vinegar, 1/3 cup dark molasses, 1/8 teaspoon ammonia, 4 and 2/3 cup water. I usually quadruple this mixture. I save gallon plastic jugs and cut a big enough hole near the top so moths can check in but not check out. They fall in the liquid and drown. I can usually catch quite a few moths of all varieties.

2. Secondly, I use codling moth traps. They are orange-red so they resemble the color of an apple, which helps in the attraction. These traps have a pheromone attractant which smells like the female so the males are attracted to their doom. These traps have a sticky substance on the inside, so again the codling moths check in but don't check out. Again, they don't discern between moth varieties.

3. The third thing I employ is a hooded light in the middle of the orchard. I put a fairly large tub of water below the water and try to remember each day to put a glass of diesel fuel in the water. I was using kerosene at first but it was too expensive. The theory is the codling moths are attracted to the light, they fall in and drown.

4. The fourth thing I employ is to try to battle apple maggot. My **son** Eric cut out of 1/4 inch plywood squares 10x 10 inches. He painted each side bright yellow and painted a bright red circle about 4 inches in diameter on each side. The apple maggots attracted to the red color. The kiss of death is put on last, we Tangle Foot, a really sticky substance. You can get it from Gardens Alive Catalogue.