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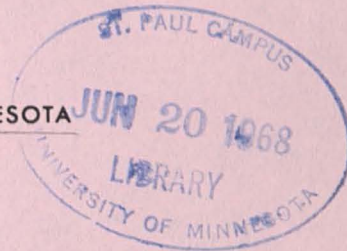
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THE APPLE MAGGOT

The apple maggot is one of the most destructive pests of farm and home orchards in Minnesota. During heavy infestation it's difficult to protect small orchards.

The maggot flies lay their eggs during July and August. In early stages of injury, it's necessary to cut the apple open to see the maggot tunnels. In later stages you can see the brown tunnels through the skin. Affected apples usually break down completely in storage and should be used at once.

A thorough spray program helps control the apple maggot. You must kill the fly before the eggs are laid. Use either Diazinon or Sevin, applied at 7 to 10 day intervals. Early maturing varieties need a minimum of four sprayings. Five to eight sprayings may be required for late varieties.

In addition to a complete spray program, good orchard sanitation and prompt destruction of all dropped apples help control the apple maggot. Keep weeds and brush controlled to reduce the number of places where the flies rest and find protection.
