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Hand Thin Fruits

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University of Minnesota extension horticulturist Leonard Hertz suggests hand thinning apples about July 1.

Many apple varieties frequently set more fruits than is optimum for good apple production. As a result fruit size and quality are reduced as is the effectiveness of pest control measures. Where fruits are clustered, remove all but one in each cluster. Space the fruits from five to eight inches apart.

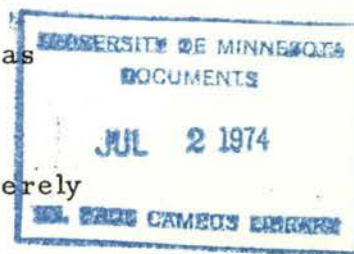
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Apple Maggots

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July is apple maggot time. Several good sprays are available, including Sevin and Diazinon.

Horticulturist Leonard Hertz recommends applying the sprays at seven to 10-day intervals. During some seasons the maggot flies persist and lay eggs up to frost or harvest. Non-bearing as well as bearing fruit trees need protection from insect and disease.



Fruiting could be delayed one or more years if they are severely damaged.

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(News Directors: A second metro area Dutch elm disease--oak wilt tour will be on Tuesday (July 2) during a workshop for tree inspectors. A bus will leave the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus Student Center at 1 p.m. Call Dave Zarkin, 373-0710, for more information.)

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