

# Editorial

## Every Year is Different

2017 has been interesting so far! Above-average temperatures in February and below-average temperatures in March started the roller coaster. The first 7–10 days of May have provided different excitement. As our apple growing friend, Dr. Seuss, describes apple scab season, “I will spray in the rain and I will spray in the wind. I will spray in the cold and I will spray in the snow. I will spray fast and slow and sometimes I will go alternate row.” Hopefully you did not have to spray in the snow, but it does rhyme with slow and row.

Time will tell if everyone was able to control scab. Michigan was dealt a couple of cold mornings, particularly May 8. Some problems may occur with fruit finish or fruit loss. Thinning in many areas was done in suboptimal temperatures. The crop size in the east will begin to come into sharper focus as we turn the calendar to June.

Meanwhile, out west, the Washington crop is 2–3 weeks later than last year. There will be ample time for them to clean up the 2016 crop. At this point, the eastern crop and the WA crop timing is very close.

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Table 3. Reality Research % Weed Cover 2014 - 1st leaf

Weed-free timing	22-May	11-Jun	30-Jun	4-Aug	29-Sep	2014 Season AVG
May-Sep	3A	1C	0C	0C	2D	1 c
May-Aug	2A	0C	0C	0C	1D	1 c
May-Jul	3A	0C	0C	0C	1D	1 c
Jun-Aug	2A	20AB	0C	0C	17B	8 c
Jun-Jul	1A	12B	0C	0C	11C	5 c
Jul-Aug	2A	22A	97A	11b	96A	46 b
Aug-Sep	3A	15AB	88B	100A	1D	41 b
Untreated	2A	15AB	93A	100A	100A	62 a

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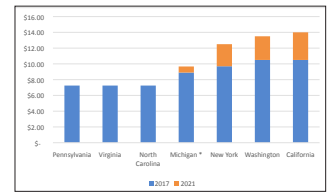
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**COVER: Strawberry field showing black vine weevil damage (background); adult root weevil; and leaf notching caused by adult feeding.**

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