

Track 7: Apple Growers Intensive with Michael Phillips

Michael Phillips, author [The Apple Grower](#)

Michael will lead participants in a walk through the orchard season. He will demonstrate renewal pruning techniques first-hand, discuss the key role understory management and soil health plays in an organic orchard, and look at varietal and rootstock choices. He will also identify insect and disease dynamics from a holistic perspective aimed at achieving maximum diversity. Orchards can very much be a profitable element of a diversified farm operation... Michael will delve into this financial reality and look at a range of options for successfully marketing an organic fruit crop. The day ends with a rambunctious wassail sure to kindle those hopes of offering the "good fruit" within one's own community. It is guaranteed to be an informative day for both the commercial and the backyard orchardist.

Program runs
9:00AM – 5:30PM
Lunch is provided