APPLE THINNING
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Growers will have trouble thinning with these cold temperatures. Most orchards are at or just beyond petal fall. Here at the station, our fruit is 6-10mm depending on variety. Phil Schwallier is recommending that growers use a normal rate of thinner at petal fall and aggressive rates at 10 mm. The carbohydrate model generated on 2 June shows that trees are in surplus and will continue to be difficult to thin for the remainder of the week.
WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Insect and disease predictive information is available at:
http:// enviroweather.msu.edu/ homeMap.php

60 Hour Forecast
http://www.agweather.geo.msu.edu/agwx/forecasts/fcst.asp?fileid=fous46ktvc

Information on cherries is available at the new cherry website:
http://www.cherries.msu.edu

Fruit CAT Alert Reports have moved to MSU News
http://news.msue.msu.edu