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Aphids produce honeydew, which can drip onto fruit providing suitable habitat for the growth of sooty mold.



Russetting around an apple stem caused by sooty mold growing in aphid honeydew drippings.

Learn more about these aphids

- **Green apple aphid** - *Aphis pomi* (De Geer)
- **Rosy apple aphid** - *Dysaphis plantaginea* (Passerini)
- **Wooly apple aphid** - *Eriosoma lanigerum* (Hausmann)

Additional information

- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides: **Michigan Fruit Management Guide**
- **A Practical Guide to Scouting Apple Orchards** – a DVD showing how to scout apple orchards.
- **MSU Diagnostic Services** for assistance in pest identification.
- **MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert** newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.

This information was developed from **A Pocket Guide for IPM Scouting in Michigan Apples** by David Epstein, Larry J. Gut and George W. Sundin. Purchase this in a pocket-sized guide for reference in the orchard from **MSU Extension** (publication E-2720).

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