## Latest Apple Handling, Storage Research In New Book

ITHACA, N.Y. — Proper handling and storage of apples helps ensure the freshness and availability of quality fruit throughout most of the year.

Each apple variety has unique characteristics and susceptibilities and, therefore, requires unique handling and storage methods.

As new apple varieties are developed and some existing varieties become resistant to fungicides, researchers continue to seek the most effective handling and storage methods for each one.

A new publication, "Apple

Handling and Storage," NRAES-153 (\$19.50) — the proceedings from "Storage Workshop 2001: Apple Handling and Storage," at Cornell University in August 2001 — combines into a single resource the latest research in apple handling and

storage methods.

"Apple Handling and Storage" includes 11 papers: "Understanding the Bitter Pit Problem in Honeycrisp;" "Understanding the Soft Scald Problem in Honeycrisp;" "Decay and Quality Problems at the Retail Level;" "Protocol for Empire Apples Exported from Great Lakes Growing Region to UK Markets;" "Food Safety Programs: A Common Sense Approach;" "Postharvest Decay without Fungicides;" "Controlled Atmosphere Systems for 2001 and Beyond;" What Do New York Results Tell Us about the Future of MCP?;" "1-Methylcyclopropene: Is It the Answer? (Perspectives from Apple Research in Ontario);" "The Grow New York Project: MCP Effects on Apples;" and "Application Technology for 1-MCP."

The research presented in this proceedings will be helpful not only to apple growers but also to packers, storage operators, horticulturists, fruit and vegetable scientists, and agricultural engineers.

"Apple Handling and Storage," NRAES-153, is available for \$19.50 per copy, plus shipping and handling, from NRAES, Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701. Shipping and handling for one copy is \$3.75 within the continental U.S. New York residents, add eight percent sales tax.





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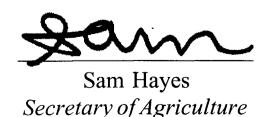
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