

PROGRESS REPORT



Massachusetts Orchard Production Upgrade Program
(‘MOPUP,’ RFR-AIC-08)

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on behalf of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association
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General description of progress to date

February 2008

- 7,366 dwarf apple trees ordered for planting in 2008
- 4,010 dwarf apple trees ordered for planting in 2009

March 2008

Six growers selected to participate in 2008

- Kosinski Farms, Westfield, MA (Gene, Michael, and Sue Kosinski)
- Apex Orchard, Shelburne, MA (Tim Smith)
- Ragged Hill Orchard, West Brookfield, MA (Keith Arsenault)
- Tougas Family, Farm, Northboro, MA (Mo and Andre Tougas)
- Shelburne Orchard, Stow, MA (Ted Painter)
- Lanni Orchards, Lunenburg, MA (Gerry Lanni)

growers instructed on site preparation, planning for planting, etc.

April 2008

All tall-spindle orchards -- app. 1,200 trees on one acre each -- established at above locations. On-site assistance pre-, during, and post-planting (at least 3 visits to each site)

May 2008

Support system and irrigation installed at all orchards; trees tied to support system, fertilized and trained

June 2008

Two UMass Extension fruit twilight meetings held at MOPUP orchards (Kosinski Farms and Shelburne Farm)
Progress report submitted to MDAR

See page 2 for selected pictures and page 3 for budget summary...



clockwise from top left: trees arrive at Tougas Farm; trees soaking in water before planting at Ragged Hill orchard; Honeycrisp tree at Shelburne Farm; temporary irrigation at Shelburne Farm; Honeycrisp trees planted at Ragged Hill Orchard

MOPUP Transaction Detail Report

4/1/08 through 6/30/08

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	C l r	Amount
Balance 3/31/08						0.00
4/15/08		Opening Balance		[MOPUP]	R	95,000.00
4/17/08		Deposit	Arsenault	Misc		500.00
4/24/08		Bill Snowden	extra apple trees	Trees		1,990.81
4/28/08		MFGA/UMass Fruit Team	MOPUP Travel, 2008-20...	Misc		-7,500.00
4/29/08	1577	VanWell Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-19,125.38
4/29/08	1578	Columbia Basin Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-3,535.31
4/29/08	1579	Wafler Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-633.20
4/29/08	1580	Columbia Basin Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-1,086.87
4/29/08	1581	Stark Bros	apple trees	Trees		-12,618.04
4/29/08	1582	Willow Drive Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-15,824.14
4/29/08	1583	Adams County Nursery	apple trees	Trees		-202.96
6/4/08	1588	Brandt's Fruit Trees	CSOREC apple trees	Trees		-272.19
6/4/08	1589	Adams County Nursery	Lanni	Trees		-7,215.43
6/4/08	1590	ProTree Nurseries	asst.	Trees		-3,539.60
6/4/08		Bill Snowden	Hawks Wing Farm	Trees		2,738.00
6/30/08		Win Cowgill/Rutgers Cooperative Ext.	extra apple trees	Trees		2,112.00
Total 4/1/08 - 6/30/08						30,787.69
Balance 6/30/08						30,787.69
Total Inflows						102,340.81
Total Outflows						-71,553.12
Total Funds Remaining						30,787.69