

The apple to apple results are being presented on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Berkshire apple meeting where about 15 to 20 Northeast Organic and Biodynamic apple growers meet to discuss 2007 growing season. Michael Phillips of Lost Nation Orchards and writer of *The Apple Grower* is hosting this meeting.

I believe there will be many more opportunities to present the results of our project during the summer and fall of 2008, based on the number of inquiries we have had.

## 12. Report Summary

**The “Apple to Apple” project (as it has been called) was conducted to determine which of the many apple varieties that are available today are best for eating and culinary uses. This information would not only be useful to consumers, but would also be of value to growers contemplating the planting of new organic or sustainable farm orchards. The project evaluated over 40 apple varieties for use in eating out of hand, baking, juicing, drying and for fresh slice uses. The project recommended the best ten apples for each specific use as well as recommending 14 varieties for planting in new orchards that could provide season long apple supply that would be address all of the eating and culinary uses evaluated. Many of the varieties recommended are either new or heirloom varieties having significant resistance to apple diseases. We believe this is one of the most complete apple evaluations conducted in recent years.**

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