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Hello,

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To say I know next to nothing about growing apples would be an understatement! Please forgive my ignorance. As a note, I am the type of person that jumps all in on everything I do. With that being said, I have 46 apple trees in the ground (all on MM111 to best suit my soil conditions). Most of them are whips, just starting to show signs of life. Nothing green yet. Should I spray these trees and follow the holistic spray schedule? I am located in Southern Missouri on the Arkansas border, growing zone 6B. I have about 13 varieties of trees. Currently reading "The Apple Grower" and reading through the forum posts to educate myself. I have all of the holistic spray supplies ordered, just in case I should be starting that now. I am very thankful to have this resource! Thank you for any insight.

Sadie

P.s. Not sure if this makes a difference but a local grower told me my biggest pests here are Cicada and deer (All of my trees are individually fenced) and no earthly idea how to manage Cicadas. I am from the west and this is an unfamiliar pest to me.

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Hi,

I can pretty much guarantee you that the only problems you will have are NOT just deer and cicadas. Deer can be a perennial problem, while cicadas emerge on a 17 year cycle (I am not sure where you are in the their cycle). as well, there are many problems that you will face as an apple grower. But without knowing the varieties you are growing or anything about your site, its hard to know what to tell you. You can probably start the holistic regimen - but again, that is without knowing your situation. It sounds like you just planted the trees not too long ago - as they are just breaking bud - and so rushing a spray isn't really needed.

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can you tell us which varieties you planted and a little bit more about your site conditions and location?

Thanks Mike

[Mike Biltonen](#), [Know Your Roots](#)

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