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I recently read [this article](#) on Walden's Heights Orchard's website, written by Elderberry Pond orchard, talking about a trial they did where they basically took an orchard block and cleaned it very thoroughly in the beginning of Spring by using a high-lift mower blade to attempt to suck every last leaf up into a bagger and take them away. Then they did not spray the trees for scab that year.

Their results were similar to their control orchard block which was sprayed 5 times with sulfur. The article concludes favorably and says that they are planning to buy a larger vacuum collection system. This was 5 years ago. Has anyone heard more about this or does something similar at their orchard?

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