New Website – TallSpindleApple.com – Focuses on the Tall-spindle Apple Production System

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The Tall-Spindle (TS) apple seems to have become the standard high-density orchard production system in the Northeast. Promoted by Cornell's Terence Robinson for several years, the TS uses fully dwarfing rootstocks planted at 3 to 4 feet between trees and approximately 12 feet between rows (~1,200 trees per acre) to achieve

high early yields, high sustained yields, reduced labor costs, and highest return on investment compared to apple orchards planted at lower or higher densities.

Although Robinson has been on the TS speaking circuit for several years now, and co-authored several publications on the TS apple production system, there is a new website (tallspindleapple.com, Figure 1) with links to other websites, publications, and videos on how to develop and manage the tall-spindle apple orchard.

Tallspindleapple.com is broken into Publications, Presentations, and Video with links to the best TS resources on the web. For example, under Publications, there is a link to 'The Tall-Spindle Apple Production System' by T. Robinson in the New York Fruit Quarterly. Presentations include 'Different Approaches to Tall-Spindle Establishment in Apple' by R. Perry, and 'The Tall-Spindle: critical steps to Success' by J. Clements. Videos show '4 Rules for Pruning Tall Spindle Apple' and 'Pruning the Tall-Spindle from a Platform' among others. New content and links will be added as they are published. Website visitors are encouraged to submit or identify new content for publication on tallspindleapple.com.

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