

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR TREE FRUIT PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Buy trees from a state-inspected nursery
2. Establish a cover crop prior to tree planting
3. Plant trees as early as soil conditions allow
4. Choose fruits suited to your climate
5. Select varieties adapted to your area
6. Select a site with good elevation
7. Be sure that cold air can drain from orchard
8. Obtain a current soil test
9. Fertilize and lime according to soil test
10. Select a well drained soil
11. Determine root stock best suited to your situation
12. Plan orchard layout prior to planting
13. Arrange pollinator varieties properly
14. Control vegetation in established orchard
15. Heel in trees when they can not be planted immediately
16. Plant trees at proper depth
17. Provide water and actual nitrogen when planting trees
18. Use proper plant spacing
19. Construct proper trellis
20. Keep wires tight and replace broken posts
21. Train all branches according to recommendations
22. Calibrate sprayer for proper application of materials
23. Use insecticides necessary for proper control
24. Apply fungicides when needed
25. Observe and check for problems regularly
26. Thin fruit as needed
27. Protect bark on trees
28. Prune and trim as necessary
29. Use honeybees to aid in pollination
30. Harvest when fruit is in highest quality grade
31. Harvest carefully to eliminate bruising and damage
32. Discard injured or over-ripe fruit
33. Market fruit as quickly as possible
34. Track market trends and habits
35. Market fruit at optimum time
36. Develop direct markets
37. Store fruit in a cool dry area
38. Keep accurate enterprise records
39. Summarize and analyze records