

Dovex Fruit Company Wenatchee, Wa Blake Holman Summer 2017



Introduction

Dovex Fruit Co originated in the Wenatchee valley in 1982 and has been a main provider of fruit throughout the world ever since. Owned by the DaNadai family, the company is known for providing premium quality fruits and vegetables. Both field and office staff ensure this due to their expertise in the industry.



Fig. 1
Over the course of the internship one of my main responsibilities was to monitor insect pests such as leaf rollers as shown in this picture.

Conclusion

Overall I enjoyed working with Dovex, but most importantly I have learned a lot. Not only did I learn new material, but I know this material is what I need to focus on and educate myself in for myself to become successful in the future. This internship was an awesome experience, it allowed me to add to my knowledge base in a professional and successful company.

Responsibilities

Over the course of the internship I had multiple responsibilities which included:

- Monitoring of key insect pests (codling moth, Leafrollers, Oriental fruit moth)
- Upkeep of traps, lures, and liners every week
- Communicate with orchard managers, fieldmen, and co-workers
- Shadowing managers
- Maintenance on work vehicle and ATV



Fig. 4
Fireblight and powdery mildew were just a couple of the common pests that I worked with. Before this internship I had trouble identifying these two conditions, but now I feel that I am confident in identifying both. From my experience in the field, fireblight seemed to be the prevalent this season.



Fig. 2
Dovex is a progressive fruit company that is on the cutting edge of new cultivars. WSU's own Cosmic Crisp and Barnsby Pink Lady are two examples of some of the newest cultivars we introduced. I was able to work in blocks of both varieties.



Fig. 3
Not only is Dovex introducing new apple cultivars into their repertoire, but grape varieties as well such as these cabernet sauvignon

