



# Dovex Fruit Company Wenatchee, Washington Jose Garcia Spring, 2016

## Introduction

Dovex fruit company established in Wenatchee in 1982 by the DeNadia family. Most of their orchards are located in the heart of the premier Washington State Apple and Pear growing region. They have orchards located in Monitor, Brayland, Chelan Falls, Quincy, George, and Winchester Washington. The main crops they grow here in Washington are Apples, pears, and Cherries, but also a few Apricots and peaches. They not only have orchards here in Washington but also alliances around the globe allowing them to supply their customers with fruit year round.



Soil Sample where I compared  
Soil moisture to the data being recorded by the irrigation probes

## Responsibilities

- Set up weather probes.
- Set up irrigation probes.
- Pruning
- Tree training
- Soil sampling
- Tree tape marking for Codling Moth Traps
- Scouting new planting sites
- Scouting orchard to see how blooming was coming along

## Summary

- This experience will foster my professional growth because it allows me to do and practice several things that are done within the industry, and also try new technologies that are being introduced into the orchards.
- During this internship I was able to do soil samples for the first time, it was different than just reading about soils on books. I was able to work with different soils.
- I also go to prune and train fruit trees I had already pruned in the past but I also got the opportunity to do some tree training.
- My main career goal is to one day become a field man or a general orchard manager, this experience allowed me to see all the different things that go on within the orchards in order to keep them running. This will one day allow me to become a great field man or general manager.



Weather monitoring station  
we installed



One of the very first bud breaks I saw during  
the week

**I would like to give  
thanks to Dovex  
Fruit Company for  
all the support they  
have given me in  
the last three years.**



Delta trap set in  
orchard to monitor  
for Codling Moth



Irrigation monitoring probe



Tree training on pear tree