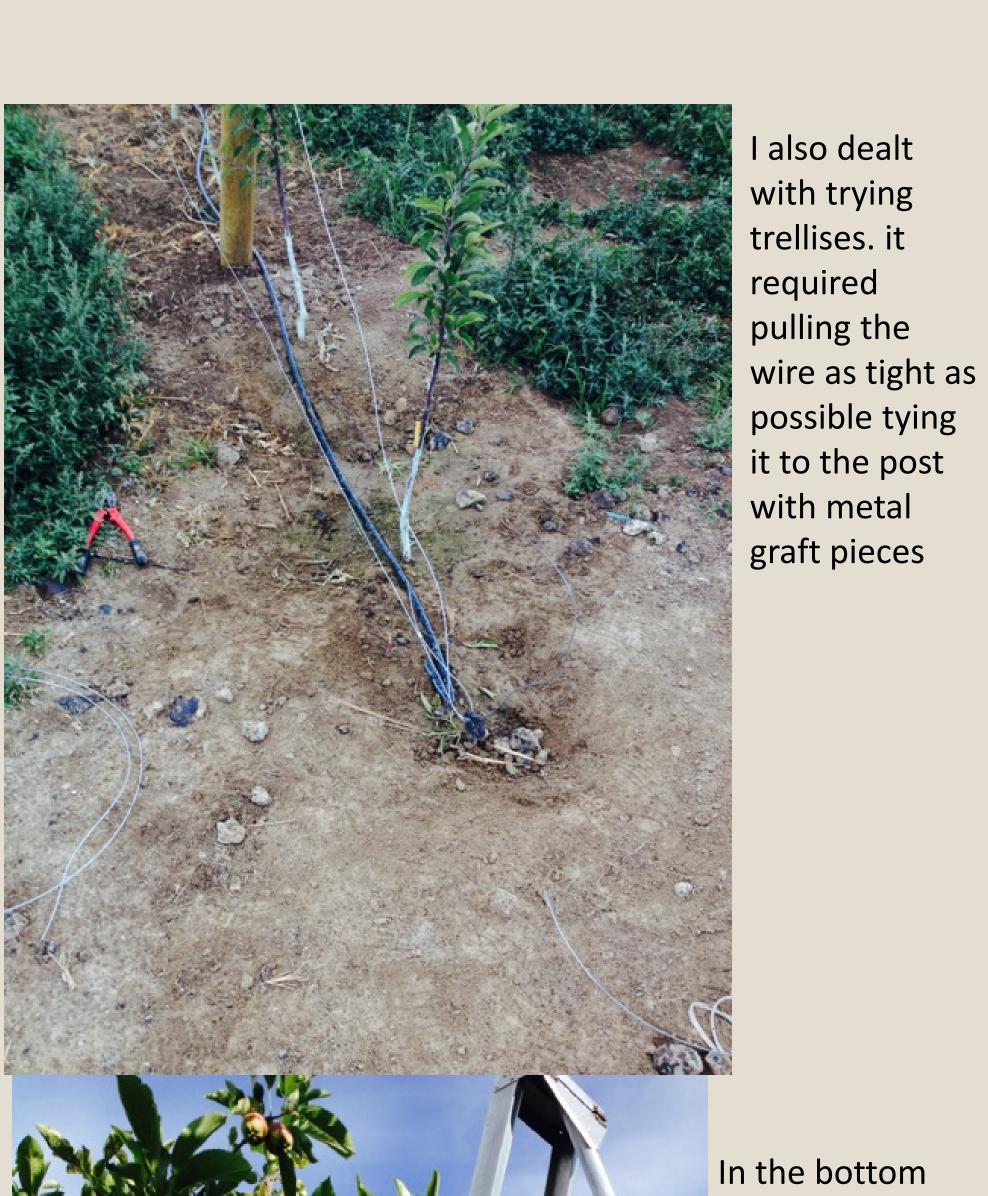# Washington Fruit and Produce
Intern Manager
Royal City, WA
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Introduction

My Internship took place in Royal City for Washington Fruit and Produce. The mentor I worked with was Rolando Martin, who is the manager for multiple orchards for the company. He manages 6 different orchards; all being apples. Also for a week of my internship my mentor sent me to Quincy where there was a new orchard being set up which was managed under Nick Plath. There in Quincy I was able to see how a orchard is started from scratch.

I also dealt with trying trellises. it required pulling the wire as tight as possible tying it to the post with metal graft pieces

In the bottom left picture I am thinning a Gala apple tree. A ten foot ladder was provided, and they taught me the reasons, and science behind thinning, and why it's done.

Responsibilities

I was mainly responsible for checking and changing lures for Codling Moth and Leaf Roller traps. I also was in charge of crop count estimates. For that I had to make sure that an average of the crop was counted in each block. I had to make sure that four large, four medium, and four small trees were counted in every block, and the data were put into a spread sheet. I also got a chance to work in typical orchard work.

This is the type of trap I was checking, and the gator on the right was the gator that I used for transportation to get around the farms to check all the traps. Each trap was checked weekly, and lures were changed every four weeks for leaf roller, and every six weeks for codling moth.

Summary

With this internship I feel that I have a better understanding of what farms in a bigger scale go through compared to smaller farms. This experience helps me understand that any responsibility in any farm is important. I know that if you want to be successful in this business that paying attention to detail is key This internship helps me in my career goals in becoming a field man, and running my own orchard by teaching me communication skills, learning how to delegate, and paying attention to detail. I met a lot of important people with the company who I wish to keep in touch with in the future.