

McDougall & Sons Wenatchee, WA Magdaleno de Jesus Rodriguez Summer 2017



Introduction

McDougall & Sons is a leading packing facility founded in 1976 that grows and packs apples, cherries, and pears. In total, the company farms over 4,000 acres of conventional and organic fruit. Presently, McDougall & Sons is recognized for its packing innovations, modern orchard systems, participation in research development, and as an international grower and shipper of new variety-fruit, such as Ambrosia, Jazz, Envy, and Pacific Rose.

Responsibilities

- Trap monitoring and record keeping of Japan Systems Approach (JSA) in cherries and pears.
- Measuring chlorophyll content in apples using a DA meter.
- Sampling and monitoring soil in orchards for moisture content using a soil probe.



A Codling Moth trap placed in the canopy of a cherry tree.



A Codling Moth caught in a trap.



This DA Meter would measure the chlorophyll content of an apple.



A soil sample collected with a soil probe.

Summary

Overall, my internship was enjoyable but most of all served as a learning experience. I had the opportunity to learn from professionals with years of experience in the industry and view orchard production systems across North Central Washington – providing an excellent scope of the Tree Fruit Industry. Throughout this internship, I acquired valuable knowledge and abilities that will aid in preparation for my future career as a field representative for a fruit packing facility or chemical company.