



Eggert Family Organic Farm

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INTRODUCTION

The organic farm has about an acre of orchard, which will be used as a teaching lab, research, and fruit for the CSA. The orchard is composed of high density and low density orchard systems. The high density orchard is one year old and the low density orchard is 3 years old.

RESPOSIBILITIES

1. Planning management



2. Pruning



3. Adjust trellis



4. Managing successful buds



High-Density



Low-Density



5. Tree training



SUMMARY

1. Planning management strategies for the Eggert Family Organic Farm will help me in my future job because it is required from management to be able to do these duties.
2. This spring I was able to help prune the low density orchard. Pruning tree fruit is complicated, especially in the first 3 years, because the trees shape is being formed. This knowledge will be helpful in my future because I would like to teach a horticulture class at WSU and be able to tell my students about this experience.
3. In 2015 I was able to help install the trellis system, and this spring I got the opportunity to do all the adjustment to the trellis, these will will be useful in my future because I will have experience setting up trellis for organic tree fruit.
4. Managing successful buds entails budding in the fall, removing excess rootstock and removing flowers from buds. These knowledge will be helpful in the future because I now have experience in establishing orchards.