

Beginning Growers: Apple Thinning & Crop Load Management

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All apple growers should have a plan in place for managing fruit crop load in their orchard, to ensure good fruit quality and yield each year. This presentation will cover the options growers have for fruit thinning and crop load management, and explain how to apply these strategies in conventional and organic orchards.



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