

Predictive Sizing Model

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Predicting fruit growth can be helpful to plot fruit diameter development during the growing season. At any time during the growing season growers can see if their fruit growth is added or behind normal. This can help predict final fruit diameter for the season.



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