

Orchard Irrigation



By Trevor Hardy Brookdale Fruit Farm Inc



Brookdale History

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Brookdale Fruit Farm established in 1847

• Currently Operated by the 5th 6th and 7th generations of the Hardy and Whittemore families

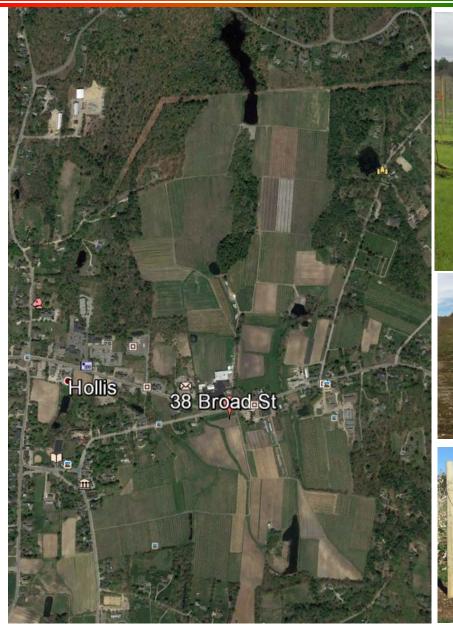
- Farming hundreds of acres
 - Certified Organic 10+ Acres
- 4 major business units
 - Wholesale, Retail, Pick Your Own, Supplies





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Brookdale Supplies



















Types of drip Systems

- Permanent systems (Left outside all year)
 - Ram Tubing or Orchard Tubing
 - Installed below and above ground
 - Used on apples, blueberries, cherries, peaches...
- Annual systems (Pick up before winter)
 - Drip Tape
 - Yearly application (Tomatoes or Vegetables)
 - Above ground system
 - Ability to drive over lines Does Not Restrict Field Access



Why Drip

- Delivers water directly to plant
 - Consistent amounts throughout field
 - Not weather dependant
- Incorporate fertilizers and chemicals into system
- 1 time set up per year
- Start it and leave it operating design
- Only waters plant, not weeds
- Conserves water uses ¼ amount of water compared to overhead
- Requires less pump capacity and fuel to operate Saves \$\$\$\$\$\$



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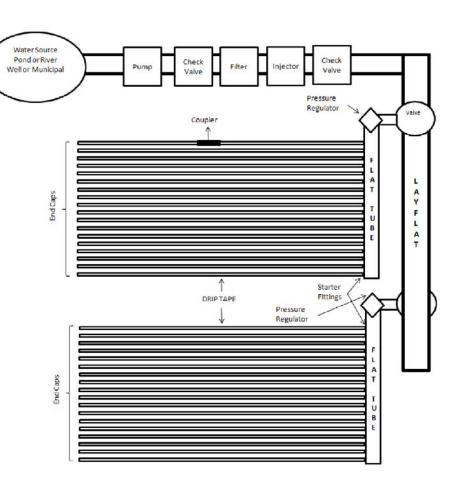
Need to know

- # acres to irrigate at once
- Water source
- Max Row length
- Elevation and distance from source
- 10 year view

1 acre of high density orchard 12' rows 2 foot tubing approx. 20 gpm

Size Pipe Inches Flow Gal per Minut

	1
1/2	3
3/4	9
1	15
1 ½	30
2	80
3	150
4	450

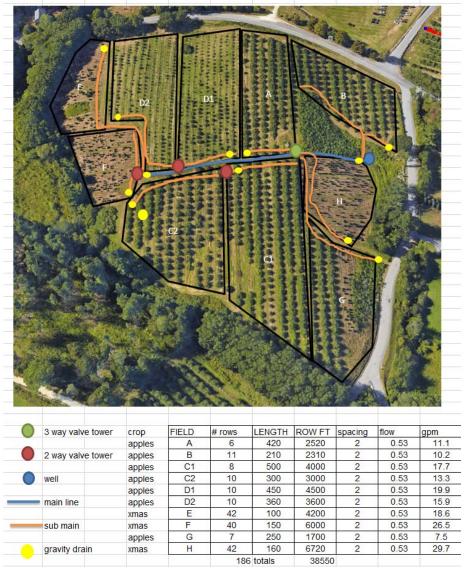




System Design

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				Farm Irrigation and Row Crop Supplies	Date	12/27/201
		38 Broa	d St PO I	Box 389 Hollis NH 03049 603 465 2240		
	Custome	r		Irrigation Sales Slip	Prepared by	
	Name				Trevor Hard	
	Address				603 860 165	57
	Contact					
		Quantity	Units	Description	Unit Price	
1						\$0.0
2		3400	feet	2 inch poly pipe 100 psi	\$0.97	\$3,298.0
3	filter	1		2 inch single disc filter built to backflush on cam locks	\$490.00	\$490.0
4	injector	1		2 x 3/4 fertilizer injector	\$305.00	\$305.0
5	fittings	30	feet	2 inch red layflat hose connect filter and injector well	\$1.25	\$37.5
6		4	each	2 inch cam lock c	\$7.50	\$30.0
7		5	each	2 inch cam lock e	\$4.50	\$22.5
8		60	each	2 inch super clamps 56-59	\$5.00	\$300.0
9		12	each	dravity drain assembly	\$38.00	\$456.0
10		15	each	2 inch insert caps	\$2.25	\$33.7
11		20	each	2 inch couplers	\$1.55	\$31.0
12		10	each	2 inch eblows	\$1.85	\$18.5
13		5	each	2 inch barbed tee	\$4.00	\$20.0
14						\$0.0
15		39	coils	24 inch o.53 spacing orchard tubing	\$155.00	\$6,045.0
16		200	each	xpando starter with grommet	\$1.60	\$320.0
17		200	each	figure 8 end cap	\$0.20	\$40.0
18		100	each	ram coupler	\$0.35	\$35.0
19						\$0.0
20		3		2 way pvc valve tower with pressure gauge and air vent	\$175.00	\$525.0
21		1		3 way pvc valve tower with pressure gauge and air vent	\$225.00	\$225.0
22		1	asssembly	2 way flow diverter with zone b threaded	\$110.00	\$110.0
23						\$0.0
24						\$0.0
25						\$0.0
26					<u> </u>	\$0.0
27						\$0.0
28						\$0.0
29						\$0.0
30						\$0.0
31						\$0.0
32						\$0.0
33						\$0.0
34						\$0.0
35						\$0.0
36						\$0.0
	Notes:					
					Total	\$12,342.2





Pressure Pump

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Filter assemblies

1 2 inch disc filter on 2 inch system	\$490.00	1.5acres
2 2inch disc filters on 2 inch system	\$1,200.00	3 acres
2 3inch disc filters on 3 inch system	\$1,500.00	
3 3inch disc filters on 3 inch system	\$2,200.00	8 acres







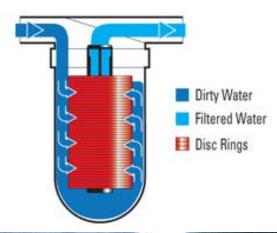


Filter System

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Orchard tubing requires filtering to 100 micron or 150 mesh to prevent clogging. Disc filters are best option even from well or city water







Fertilizer Injectors

- Mazzei injector
 - Venturi action
 - Regulated by flow of water
- Mix Rite or Dosatron
 - Pump Style
 - Varying flow rates, Constant feed, precise measure
- Only use WATER SOLUBLE **FERTILIZER**







Fertilizer Injection

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Assembly comes with:	
camlocks, pressure gauge,	
gate valve on and off,	
fertilizer barrel mixing valve on	Ī
garden hose fitting, injector	
isolation valves	

	Pipe	Injector Size	Flow GPM
	1"	1/2 inch	2 to 9
	2"	3/4 inch	9 to 50
	2"	l inch	16 to 80
n	3"	I inch	16 to 180
	3"	I.5 inch	34 to 350

Mazzei Injectors work off of FLOW RATE NEED CORRECT FLOW TO MAKE INJECTOR WORK

Note: 24 inch orchard tubing 0.61 gph per dripper

24 inch 12 foot row spacing is 18 GPM per acre





Terminology

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Main line

- High pressure line pushes water to field
- Valve or zone station
 - Taps into main line
 - Reduces water pressure with regulator
 - Directs water to specific location of field

Header pipe

 Low pressure line that all drip lines connect into







Orchard Tubing

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Black poly pipe is sub main that is connected to valve station pictured on the right. The orchard tubing for tall spindle applications hanging from a wire requires a CNL (check valve dripper) That way all drippers emit the same amount of water and work better with fertigation for feeding the trees fertilizer. The 3rd insert fitting pictured will be used to install tube into poly header. Use a ¾ inch drill bit to make hole. Insert rubber gromet in hole, and push tubing on barb. This fitting can handle 80 PSI





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Ag Irrigation









Planting Spacing	Row Length	Dripper Spacing	GPM per Acre
3' x 12'	< 500	12 inch spacing	36 gpm
3' x 12'	500+	24 inch spacing	18 gpm
4' x 12'	< 500	24 inch spacing	18 gpm
4' x 12'	500 +	24 inch spacing	18 gpm
4' x 14'	< 500	24 inch spacing	18 gpm
4' x 14'	500+	24 inch spacing	18 gpm
6' x 14'	500+	36 inch spacing	11 gpm

Field Layout

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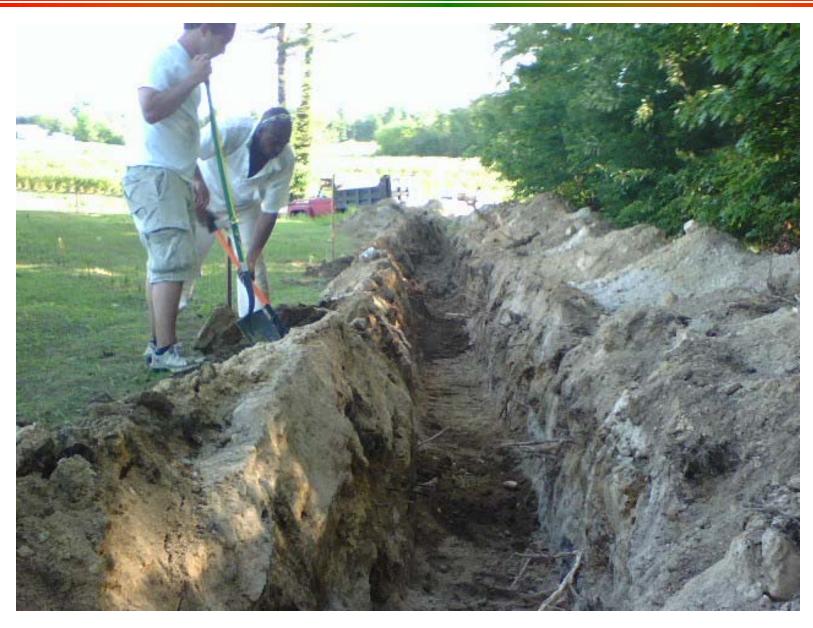


Field Valve Station





Trench prep Flat



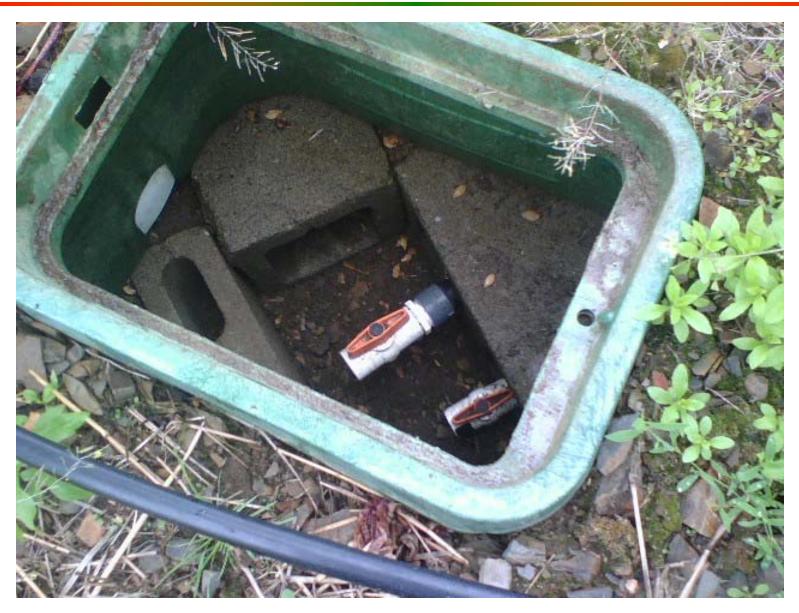


Drip line lead





Gravity Drain







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Water can be hooked up on surface temporarily prior to burying the header pipe with flat tube. This allows for water to be hooked up just after transplant. This temporary system can be used for a few years as planting blocks fill in



Temp hook up

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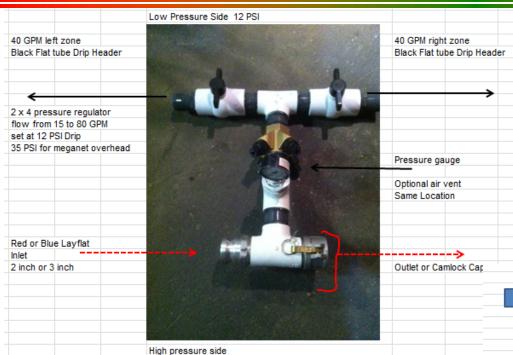
Note that on tall spindle or tight dwarf plantings tubing can be woven between trees to help keep in place from mowers etc or tie it to trellis poles.



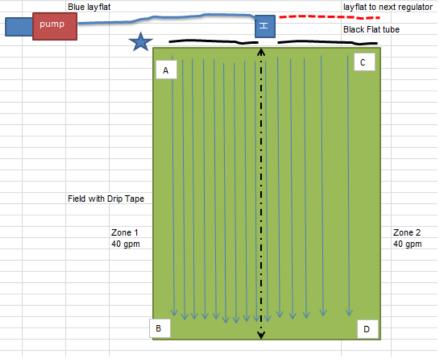


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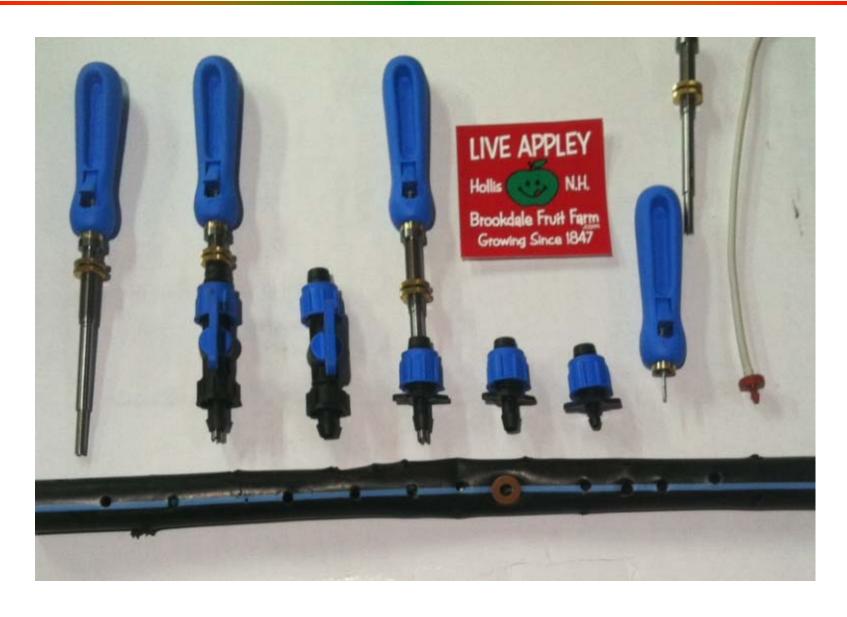


Temporary Surface Hook UP Water quick to plantings Allows easy expansion as trees become available Can be installed same day when transplanted Operates at 35 psi





Tool & Fittings





Curlie vs clip

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The curlie holder on the left picture has 4x the surface area gripping the wire than the grape vine clip pictured on the right. They also don't break in the cold and are a lot easier to put on with your hands than the vine clips Case of 1000 curlies is \$50.00 Case 1000 vine clips \$90.00



First year TS



- Tubing High Side
- Poles every 25 feet
- H braces at end
- Temp Feed inside trellis
- Tie to poles



Water Application

- Right Time Right Pressure Right Amount
 - Group crop families
 - Gauges before regulators or point application
 - Moisture sensors to turn on
 - More important when to Turn OFF





Moisture Meters

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Root zone
cross section

1. Set tips in active root system area in tree row.

2. Sensor location should be near dripline of tree and on the SouthWest side (in Northern hemisphere).

3. If utilizing furrow irrigation, angle tubes slightly towards furrow.

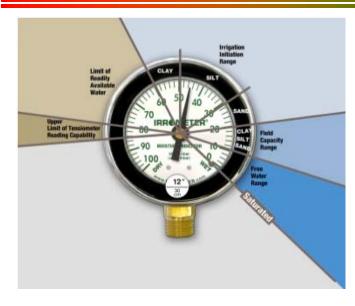
4. With sprinkler irrigation, locate irrometers in sprinkler wetted pattern.

5. With drip irrigation, locate Irrometers 12" to 18" from emitter, or 24" to 36" from a micro-sprinkler



Sensor Information

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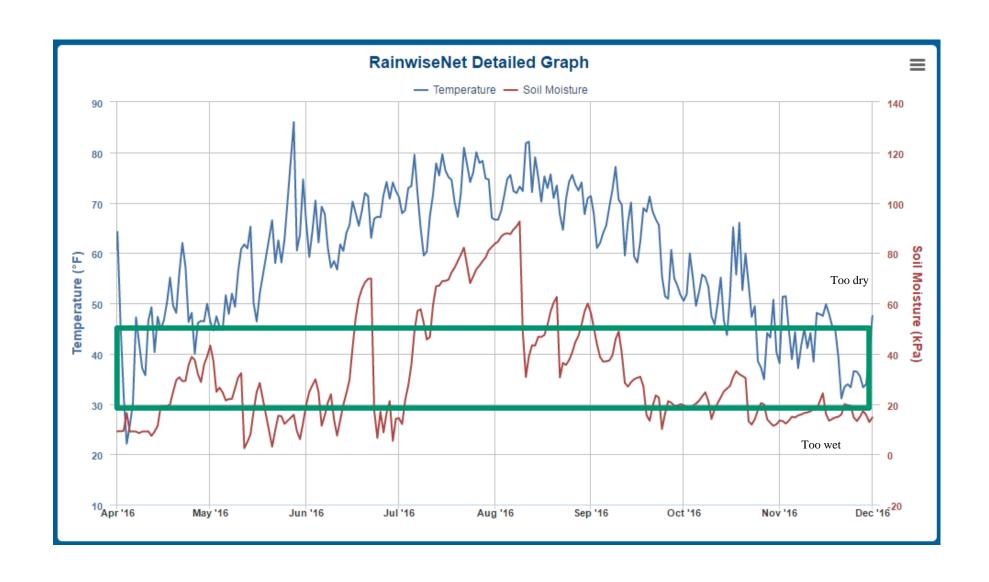
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ALFALFA	18-24	36-48	60-70	MELONS	18	36	
ALMONDS	24	48	72	MILO	24	48	
APPLES	20	40	60	MINT	12	24	
APRICOTS	24	48	72	MONTEREY PINES, FIRS	12	24	
ARTICHOKES	18	36		MUMS	4-6		
ASPARAGUS	18-24	36-48		MUSTARD	18	36	
AVOCADOS	12	24	36	NECTARINES	18	36	
BANANAS	12	24		OATS	18	36	
BARLEY	18	36		OKRA	18	36	
BEANS (bush)	10		18	OLIVES	24	48	60
BEANS (Lima)	18	36		ONIONS	12		
BEANS (Pole)	18	36		PAPAYA	12	24	
BEETS (sugar)	18	36		PARSNIPS	18	36	
BEETS (table)	12-18	24-36		PEACHES	18	36	60
BLUEBERRIES	12	24		PEANUTS	12	24	
BROCCOLI	12	20		PEARS	18	36	48
CABBAGE	12	20		PEAS	18	36	
CANAIGRE	18	36	48	PECANS	18	36	48
CANTALOUPE	18	36		PEPPERS	15	30	
CARNATIONS	4-6			PERMANENT PASTURES	8-15		24-30
CARROTS	12	24		PERSIMMONS	18	36	
CAULIFLOWER	12	24		PINEAPPLE	15	30	
CELERY	10	20		PISTACHIO NUTS	24	48	60
	12	24		POMEGRANATES	18	36	
	24	48		POTATOES (Irish)	8-10	18	
which are beginning to lose	12	24		POTATOES (sweet)	18	36	
	18	36		PLUMS	24	48	72

- 0-10 Centibars = Saturated soil
- 10-30 Centibars = Soil is adequately wet (except coarse sands, which are beginning to lose water)
- 30-60 Centibars = Usual range for irrigation (most soils)
- 60-100 Centibars = Usual range for irrigation in heavy clay

	18-24	36-48		PRUNES	24	48	72
	12	30		PUMPKIN	18	36	48
	18	36		RADISHES	12		
	18	36	48	RASPBERRIES	18	36	
OI WITHOUT IT TIEG	18	36		SORGHUM	18	36	
CUCUMBERS	18	36		SOY BEANS	18	36	60
DATE PALM	24	48	60	SPINACH	12	24	
EGGPLANT	12	24		SQUASH (Summer)	15	30	
FIGS	18	36		STRAWBERRIES	6	12	
GARLIC	12	24		SUDAN GRASS	18-24	36-48	
GRAIN and FLAX	18	36		SUGAR CANE	18	36	
GRAPES	24	48	60	SUNFLOWERS	24	48	60
HOPS	24	48	60	TEA	12	24	
JOJOBA	18	36		TOBACCO	8-15	30	
KIWI	18	36	48	TOMATOES	18	36	
LADINO CLOVER	10	20		TURNIPS	18	36	
LETTUCE	12			WALNUTS	24	48	72
MACADAMIAS	12	24	36	WATERMELON	18	36	48
MAIZE	18	36		WHEAT, HAY	18	36	

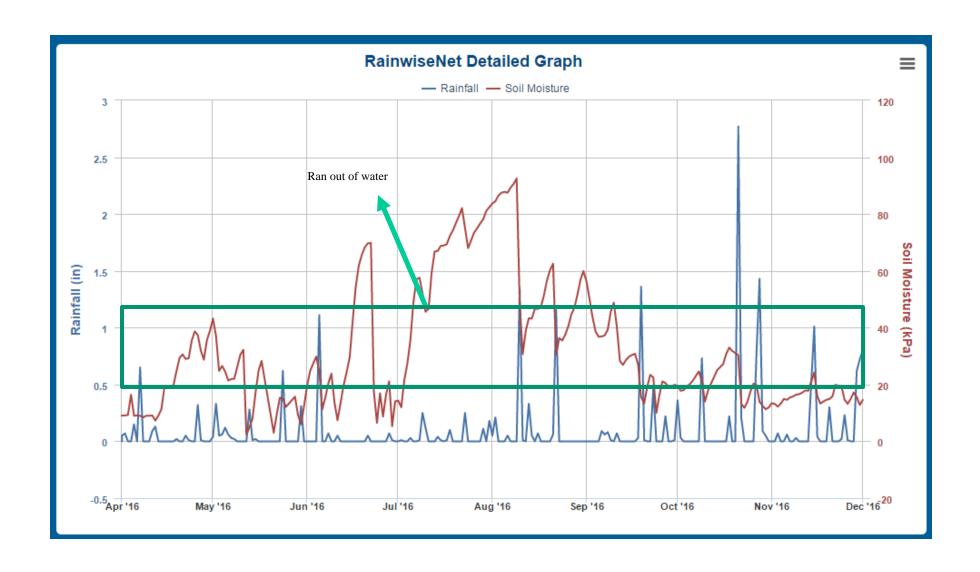


Temp vs Soil Moisture





Rainfall vs Soil Moisture Irrigation & Row Crop Supply Hollis NH (603) 465 2240





Goal with Apples

- High Density get trees to top wire End of year 2.
- Feed to promote growth and branching







Fertigation

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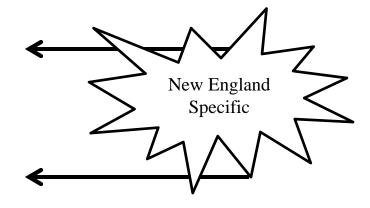




Vegetable Specific Nutriculture
Water soluble Fertilizer 25 lb Bags

Plant Starter	12-45-10	\$51.00
General Purpose	20-20-20	\$41.00
Cal Mag	14-4-14	\$38.00
Veg Grow Special	12-5-19	\$40.00
Calcuim Nitrate	15-0-0	\$31.00
K Mag Fruit Size	15-5-30	\$42.00
Potassium Nitrate	13-0-44	\$44.00
Tree Fruit Starter	18-6-15	\$38.00

Tree fruit starter is specific for transplants and designed for new england use. Also can inject calcium nitrate for early growth. Barney at sunrise had great success using this on new planting last year





Low Pond Problems





Sediment build up





Low water problems

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- Dirty Filters
- Reduced operating pressure
- Clogged impellars in pumps
- Muck build up main lines
- Clogged drippers in tubing

TO DO BEFORE 2017 Growing season Perform Maintenance on equipment and Flush Irrigation Lines

Disc Filter System

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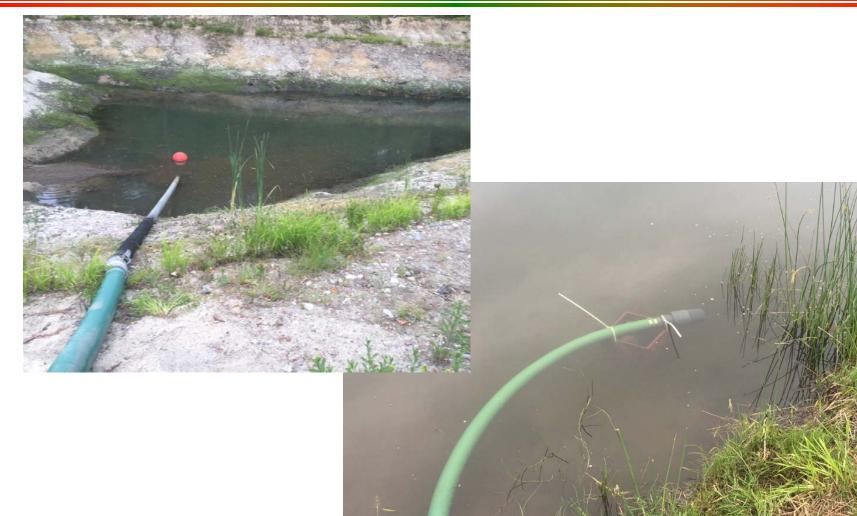


Create low sump point





Floats or cages





Flow over Foot Valve





Too much suction







Trellis Work





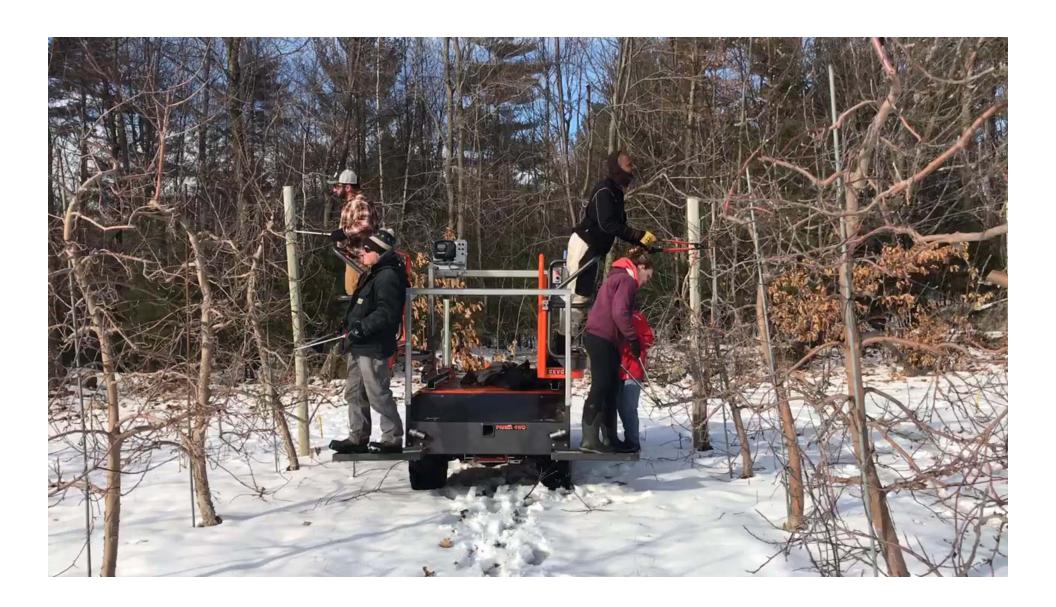














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