

# Gebbers Farms Work Experience

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## INTRODUCTION TO GEBBERS FARMS

- Gebbers Farms is a leading producer of apples and cherries around the world.
- Started over 70 years ago in orchard production
- Expanded to over 13,000 acres of tree fruit in Washington  
- Gebbers Cattle also has thousands of acres
- 5 years ago expanded into Chile with the Chilean South Apples (CHISA)

## EARLY SEASON

- Checked chemical thinning results by looking at cluster percentages.
- Gave recommendations on which areas need to be hand thinned



Clusters that will need to be thinned

## EVERYDAY TASKS

- Scouting for Insect Pests and other damage (Fireblight, mildew)
- This allows for the head fieldman (Randy Brown, supervisor) to get a list for specific sprays
- This would be done each week so that we have better control of pests.



Spray Damage



Bark Measles



Oblique Banded Leafroller

/Aphids

## Drying Cherries

- Cherries will tend to split after rain so we dry the tops of the trees with helicopters
- Fieldmen guide the helicopter pilots in order to dry certain varieties based on timing and tendency to split.
- This will decrease splits and bring money back with higher packouts at the warehouse.



## Summary

- This work experience has taught me so much and has given me the opportunity to expand on my knowledge learned in school. In school I learned about deficiencies but out in the field I truly understood what I had learned. It has helped me to better apply my technical skills with cultural skills and applications. I look forward to continuing y education in this manner and being the best fieldman that I can be.