INTRODUCTION:
WSU’s Tukey Horticulture Orchard is located on the WSU campus. It’s main priority is being an orchard available for teaching, research, and/or extension work. The orchard focuses on using an integrated agricultural growing system, so it uses many methods of management practices. There are many types of fruits grown on the 10-acre property and they include: apples, pears, sweet cherries, tart cherries, prunes, apricots, peaches, nectarines, and even some berries.

RESPONSABILITIES:
- Picked fruit
- Set up fruit sales (sorted bins of apples and cleaned fruit sale building)
- Conducted maturity tests on apple varieties
- Transported fruit to WSU’s composting facility
- Learned about management practices, and how to work the WSU Decision Aid System (DAS)

SUMMARY:
Through this internship, I learned the skills and knowledge needed in order to manage an orchard. I learned how to determine what sprayer and irrigation systems to use and what challenges growers face when growing fruit trees for example: climate, pests, budgets, and equipment/machine issues. Being an intern at Tukey Orchard allowed me to grow as a person and as an employee, and it definitely helped prepare me for the fruit industry by providing more experience in management practices.

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