Tukey Orchard encompasses two different locations. One being the Tukey orchard which was established in 1974 and the other being a recently established site the at the Spillman Farm. WSU Tukey orchard has multiple research projects and many different variations of tree fruit. The WSU Tukey orchard harvest its fruit and host an annual fruit sale in the Fall months.

Throughout the course of this internship, I was able to get hands on experience working within directly the apple industry. We covered factors from pruning and grafting, to sprayer calibration and the cautions listed on different herbicides and pesticides. Some of the bigger tasks that we would do within the orchard involved pruning, raking, and planting apples and blueberries. We also accomplished a sprayer calibration, rind grafting, and the hanging of insect traps and pheromones.

In the time that I was doing my internship we went over several different aspects of tree growth and development. I was able to witness some of the research projects that were being worked on by WSU on the site of the Tukey Orchard. I also learned that through this internship there is many more aspects to fruit tree production than what presents itself on the surface. Practices such as managing crop load through pruning, and controlling pest populations with insecticides, fruit tree production must take into consideration its environmental factors and management practices in every aspect of growth and development.