



Protocol for Fruit Tree Program

1. Select small bare root trees or vines. Smaller is better.
2. Plant trees according to the tree planting method.
3. Orientate predominant roots to magnetic north.
4. Soil test and broadcast nutrients yearly. Start on year of planting or 1-2 years beforehand. Include boron testing.
5. Within 2 years of planting broadcast 200 lbs. K-Mag. Only apply this between July 15 and September 15. Only do this once every 8-10 years. Do not apply this to citrus unless the skin is thick.
6. Begin foliar spraying when trees are in production or 2 years after planting. Foliar spray until harvest. If you want to store nutrients for a bigger crop next year then spray till leaf drop.
7. Prune vines or trees as soon as possible after harvest for tropical and subtropical regions, for temperate regions prune after leaf drop. This will stop the tree from putting extra energy into branches and wood that will just be cut off later.
8. When trees or vines get more productive start checking soil conductivity every week. Add nutrients when soil conductivity drops low.
9. Use moderate amounts of compost under drip lines of vines or trees.
10. Allow grass to grow between rows. Cut grass and allow it to mulch the soil and build humus.
11. When applying nutrients and soil amendments; apply mix over the entire acre—not just under the drip line.
12. Fight disease with nutrition—not toxic chemicals.