

Working Efficiently in the Apple Orchard

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Some apple growers consistently perform orchard tasks efficiently and on time while other seemingly similar apple growers struggle and are less efficient.

This presentation will highlight practices of innovative Western NY fruit growers to work more efficiently in high-density orchards. Short videos will show how anyone equipped with the right orchard tools and/or motorized platforms can work efficiently in a modern high-density apple orchard.

The presentation will cover topics from apple tree nursery production to apple harvest to show how NY apple growers are working to reduce labor costs through



the use of partial mechanization of orchard tasks.