



MAINTENANCE, IRRIGATION AND PRUNE

Exemple: **FRANQUETTE VARIETY**

MAINTENANCE OF THE ORCHARD NOT IRRIGATED:

During the vegetative season, never grass in the orchard.

Two solutions:

1/ Soil mechanics work:

Regularly, mechanical weeding, surface work (approximately deep 10 cm)
Avoid the machines like rotovator, discs, which cause a hard layer of ground

2/ Chemical weed control:

Use products which prevent germination and systemic products which, conveyed by the sap, involve the grass destruction.

Example: SIMAZINE + DIURON + AMINOTRIAZOLE

Respect the amounts and uses consigned on packing.

IRRIGATION: MICRO SPRINKLING OR DROP BY DROP

(A preliminary study must be realized by a specialist)

To obtain a faster development, a high and regular output, a more important durability.

The irrigation will allow the putting under grass of the orchard between the rows ; the grass will have to be cut regularly and the row chemically weeded.

PRUNE MAINTENANCE

It aims at the illumination of the interior of the tree which will preserve a good size of the fruits and a good sanitary state.

This prune will be made during the vegetative rest, when temperature variations day/night are lowest, in order to avoid the flow of sap.

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