

THE PROBLEM OF WINDFALL APPLES

More Than One Way to Reduce This Usual Crop Leak

(By Prof. F. C. Seans in The Country Gentleman.)
And it certainly is a problem! No other single question causes the apple grower so many anxious hours and sleepless nights...

If the orchardist is to reduce this loss from windfall apples to a minimum he ought to proceed along three different lines...

In the second place, he ought to do everything he can to keep the quality of his windfalls as high as possible...

And in the third place, he ought to be prepared to handle the windfalls which he does get in such a way as to make the utmost possible out of them...

First of all, then, let us see what can be done to prevent apples from falling before we are ready to pick them...

It may be worth while to state in the beginning that varieties differ widely in their tendency to drop from the trees...

Turning now to specific methods of reducing the percentage of windfalls, we have the following, which are all worthy of consideration...

Naturally our first line of attack against winds in the orchard is the use of good windbreaks and the planting of our orchards on slopes which are away from prevailing and destructive winds...

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serious problem too! And different growers in different sections will answer it very differently, and ought to. If a grower is trying for a special market for fancy stuff, and if he can get a fair price for his windfalls, then he can afford to take far more chances in order to obtain extra color than can the man who is growing for the general market...

This question of when to begin picking being such an important one and such a difficult one to decide, the grower ought to obtain every possible assistance in order that he may decide it rightly...

He ought also to know pretty accurately how long it will take to get the crop off the trees with the available force of pickers, and if the force is so small or the crop so large that it will take a longer time than usual to get the apples off the trees...

We ought not to close this list of preventive measures without mentioning spraying, since a thorough control of diseases and insects is a very important influence in reducing the tendency of the apples to drop...

We might add also, that certain lines of treatment for disease and insects seem to cause a difference in the number of drops quite aside from their effect in controlling pests...

Perhaps we may rest our case here so far as preventing windfalls is concerned. There are doubtless other things that might be added to the list here given, but it contains the most important ones...

The most important one is to have some sort of covering on the ground that will act as a cushion and thus prevent the apple from being bruised by its fall...

In general there are three methods by which we may attempt to provide an extra pad or cushion on which our apples may fall. We may, first of all, keep our orchard in sod or under sod culture...

crop, and such crops as crimson clover or vetch are admirable for the purpose in sections where they succeed.

Another thing that may be done to improve the grade of our windfalls is to pick them up frequently. The longer they lie on the ground the poorer they become...

Low trees also help somewhat in this respect, though it takes a considerable difference in height to make any appreciable difference in the damage to the apple...

SO MUCH for preventive measures and palliative endeavors. They are good as far as such ought to be kept off the market as far as possible...

To begin with, the writer emphatically is of the opinion that as a rule the windfall apple as such ought to be kept off the market as far as possible...

A second way in which these drop apples may be marketed is in the form of cider and vinegar.

If we admit the desirability of reducing the number of windfall apples which are put on the market in a fresh condition, we have open to us the following outlets for our apples...

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