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Using Cedar Wood Posts in Orchard

Posted by Brandt Schisler

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Brandt Schisler

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June 25, 2019 03:19AM

Hello,

With the obvious issues of Cedar Apple Rust present with live cedar trees near an orchard, does anyone know the cause and effect of using harvested cedar posts in an orchard? Obviously all of the branches and 'green' of the tree will not be present, but didn't know if it could still cause problems?

Thanks,

Brandt

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gloria bell

Registered: 5 years ago Re: Using Cedar Wood Posts in Orchard

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July 21, 2019 01:55AM

Many orchards here use them. They burn the ends before the bury/pound them in.

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John Knisley

Registered: 9 years ago Re: Using Cedar Wood Posts in Orchard Posts: 12

Registered: 5 years ago

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January 09, 2020 12:34AM Brandt,

We have had red cedar posts in the orchard for the past 8 years and have not had any cedar apple rust (this could be based on the fact that we cut the red cedar down to make the posts.... spinning smiley sticking its tongue out. I would agree with Gloria, you may want to char the ends to slow the rotting down.

Thanks,

John K

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Leslie Price

Re: Using Cedar Wood Posts in Orchard

April 28, 2020 07:59AM

Yes cutting down the Cedars is absolutely the best way to control CAR.

Funny thing, I am very heavily populated on two sides by Red Cedar, private timber land, and I was very worried about this when I first started growing apples, 1993. As time went on... no problem. Then about 5 years ago I started getting the Asiatic form of CAR on one variety of my Asian Pears, the next year very heavily. This was in a certified organic block and localized to Mishirasu only so I figured I would give it one more year. Never saw it again!

Leslie Price Jones Creek Farms skagitvalleyfruit.com Lyman, WA zone 8a Reply Quote

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