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It's that time of the year, where I wish:

1. I would have done summer pruning.
2. I would have bought a small washing machine for my apples.

Basically most of my apples from my older trees have a lot of FlySpeck and Sooty Blotch, even though if I spray a few times for it....We sell to 5-7 stores in the area and few more in NYC, so we need to clean the apples!!

So my question is, for an orchard my size(800-1000 trees), what would be the best move going forward? small washing machine(where to buy it?) or is there an economical labor way to clean apples manually?

Thank you.

Fabio

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Dear Fabio,

Registered: 10 years ago

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I saw one of these at a local ag show an oesco apple washer new they go for \$3k-\$4k but you might be able to find one used...good luck

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