

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF FRUIT GROWING IN
THE HOOD RIVER DISTRICT

Who were the men who first planted commercial apple orchards in the Hood River district? In what years did they plant? What varieties did they plant and in what location in the district. What acreage did they plant?

Peter Mohr Planted 1886, Cortland Spitz and odd varieties 4 acres
M. V. Rand Planted 1886 many varieties 4 to 6 acres.
E. L. Smith + Bethman, 1889 - Newtons, Spitz Cortland + many others (30 acres)

During what years were the bulk of the commercial orchards planted?

1900 to 1910

What is the trend as to varieties of apples. Are any being discarded and which ones?

Newtons, Cortland, Spitz + Ark Blacks. Delicious,
all other varieties being discarded

What were the canals or ditches that went in to promote apple growing? In what years were they built?

East Fork Irrigation district filed on water 1895 completed in 1914. Farmer Irrigation Co 1900 to 1910

In what year did you plant your orchard? How many acres?

My First Orchard was planted in 1891 and have planted several plantings since, so now I have 30 acres on my 160 acre diversified farm.

Respectfully yours
Hans Lage

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IN THE WENATCHEE DISTRICT.

Who were the first men to plant commercial apple orchards in the
Chelan district? In what years did they plant? What varieties
did they set out. What acreage did they plant? What was the location?

T. A. Knight, John Stevens, C. E. Haley & H. Spader
planted in 1898 to 1900. Ben Dairs, Baldwins and Rome
Beauties, from 10 to 30 acres, from 8 to 25 miles up
Lake Chelan from the town of Chelan and on the south
side of the lake

During what years were the bulk of the commercial orchards planted?

1912 and 13

What is the present trend of varieties of apples? Are any being discarded?

Dulcracis, Honesaps and Winter Bannanas.
Yes, Ben Dairs, Black Buns, Black Turgs, Arkansas Black
and Rome Beauties are beginning to be taken out.

What is your idea of the future of the apple industry and what will have to
be done to stabilize it? It's all right but we will have to
get the cooperation of the majority of the growers and
eliminate these selling agencies, they are the draw
back to the industry

In what year did you plant your orchard? How many acres? 1913 but I
did not set it. Bought in 1920.

What were the canals that went in to make apple growing possible? In
what year was water first delivered?

Irrigation districts flume that takes water from
several mountain streams. 1911.

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