

Woody Fruit Species"

Foreword

There are numerous direct and indirect ways to regulate the vegetative and productive activity of fruit trees. Pruning is among the techniques that most markedly influence the vigour and production of a plant. In the past, this practice was almost exclusively limited to operations carried out during the period of vegetative rest, while today there is a tendency also for "green" interventions or interventions during the summer when the plant is fully active. New acquisitions in the field of plant physiology, in particular relative to the interception of light by the crown and the translocation of photosynthates in terms of the complex relationship which exists between source and sink, have given greater importance to green pruning and recognized its significant role.

This special issue has, thanks to the collaboration of internationally recognized scholars, brought together a series of articles dedicated to green pruning. After an initial introductory article, the topic is discussed in light of the most modern approaches with regard to the principal fruit species, giving attention to the most important techniques and problems present for each.

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