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### DON'T PRUNE TREES

Crop Pest Experts of O. A. C. Tell How to Spray.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore., July 16.—Information for fruit growers and farmers troubled with scale insects on their crops has been prepared by A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural College.

"For scale insect of such type as the San Jose, use the lime-sulphur spray of winter strength during the dormant season," says Mr. Lovett. "For the soft scales such as occur on the blackberry, prune and plum, use the kerosene emulsion or whale oil soap. Kerosene emulsion is prepared as follows: Heat a gallon of water (soft if possible) to boiling; shave half a pound of soap into it (whale oil is preferable) and stir till the soap is dissolved. Remove it from the fire and add two gallons of kerosene. Agitate the mixture vigorously until it is creamed, which is best done with a hand pump, forcing the solution through the hose and back into the container.

"For use in the dormant season this should be diluted with seven gallons of water, and for summer spraying, at the time the young emerge, with eleven gallons of water. A pound of whale oil soap to four gallons of water may be used as a summer spray for soft scale.

"On fruit trees, as the apple and peach, the spray used in early spring when the buds are starting should be a combination of winter strength lime-sulphur and 'black leaf 40,' using one part of the black leaf to 800 of solution. If applied ordinarily the aphids do not become especially bad. Where the trouble is severe the tobacco solution should be used."

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Prof. Lewis of O. College Give Summer

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore., July 16.—This season of the great deal of "inter pruning," says Prof. Lewis, the division of hort. Oregon Agricultural receiving many inquiries.

"We are experimenting present time at the various orchards through the state, but we need to carry on investigations over a period of several years before publishing our results. From what work we have done, however, we feel that when summer pruning is being conducted with the idea of getting fruit to form it is better not to prune until after the terminal buds have formed. The grower can determine easily whether these buds have formed, by looking at the ends of the twigs. He will note a plump bud, and will also notice that the leaves near the ends of the shoots, which heretofore have been rather small, are now assuming normal size.

"I believe that it is the best time to summer prune after these buds have formed and been allowed to harden slightly, allowing a week or two days. This time will vary at times from the middle of June to September.

"We have had a great deal of rain the past season, and one would naturally expect as the result that the terminal buds would form later than ever. This is not true in all cases. On some trees the terminal buds had already formed and on the larger fruiting trees the lateral fruit buds are forming this year earlier than we had noticed heretofore.

"In pruning for the fruit I would suggest that the grower does not cut down lower than this year's wood. We feel that better results are secured by moderate pruning, cutting back from one-third to one-half of this year's growth, but not cutting back into a previous season's growth. This cutting back in the way indicated seems to have a tendency to thicken the branches materially and cause an accumulation of shoots which lead to the formation of fruit spurs. While the results may not be noticed this year, in all probability it will have some bearing on succeeding crops.

"Pruning can be done at this time of the year if desired, even though the terminal buds have not formed, but in doing this it is the principal aim to take out undesirable branches or to control the formation of the tree, not to produce fruit. If merely done to take out certain branches that interfere with the proper heading of the tree.

"Where systematic pruning is being carried on for fruit, I would suggest that it be delayed until these buds have formed and are somewhat hardened. We have found that when this is done we get better results, and the growth is not as vigorous as it is when the pruning is done earlier.

"Some people felt that they could prune at any time during the summer, and that they do not get the reactive growth that they do when the trees are pruned when dormant, in the winter or spring. This is not true. If heavy pruning is done while the trees are still in a vigorous, active condition, reaction will take place and many of the buds will be forced into shoots, and more injury than good can be done in influencing the fruitfulness, as the pruned might force out into shoots what would otherwise be fruit spurs."

"Summer pruning has been advantageous on late bearing varieties like the Northern Spy, and has given good results on Spitzburg, Yellow Newtown, Baldwin, and others. I have seen some surprising results on four-year-old trees. I would not advise much summer pruning until the trees are three years old, as I believe that they should maintain the greater part of the foliage the first three years.

"There is a tendency in many cases to prune too heavily in summer. Large branches are often removed. I have watched closely a number of orchards where severe pruning was tried, and I have yet to find an orchard that I believe was benefitted by it. It has developed sun scald and soon pronounced an opening of the trees.

"At the present time young pears seem to show signs that they are getting to come into dormancy, a little slower than apples. In all probability a certain bearing pear tree, like the Bartlett, for example, could be summer pruned perhaps earlier than I have indicated. The Bartlett often seems to have the tendency to set fruit on terminal buds and not develop enough lateral fruiting buds. This is rather an undesirable tendency of this tree, and I have felt that summer pruning will overcome it, probably. Usually, with us, the Bartlett has a lot of close set spurs, so that the tree can carry a heavy crop.

"Pruning done earlier, from the middle of June to the middle of August, will correct, in all probability, this tendency of bearing only on the terminal shoots. We shall be able to report more fully on summer pruning a little later."

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