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Why was this OoF established?

The vision is to make orchard management easier. The main focus is how to improve the quality of production and the need to produce more export cartons per hectare.

What are the goals of this OoF?

We would like to achieve 300 (cumulative) tons per hectare in the sixth year: zero in the first year, about five tons in the second year, 30-35 in the third year, 60-65 in the fourth year, and then we must increase to 80-90 tons after that. Somewhere in the process we need to reach 100 tons per hectare if we are to achieve our goal of 300 tons.

Are there any preliminary results? Compared to our orchard on M7 rootstock, the M9 orchard is an easy system to manage and easy for labour to understand. There are cost savings on fertiliser. Fruit size and fruit colour is significantly better.

Watch video on YouTube:

<http://bit.ly/2oAzB0u>

Lessons learnt:

- An easy-to-manage system with good results
- Greater emphasis on orchard management as opposed to labour management

