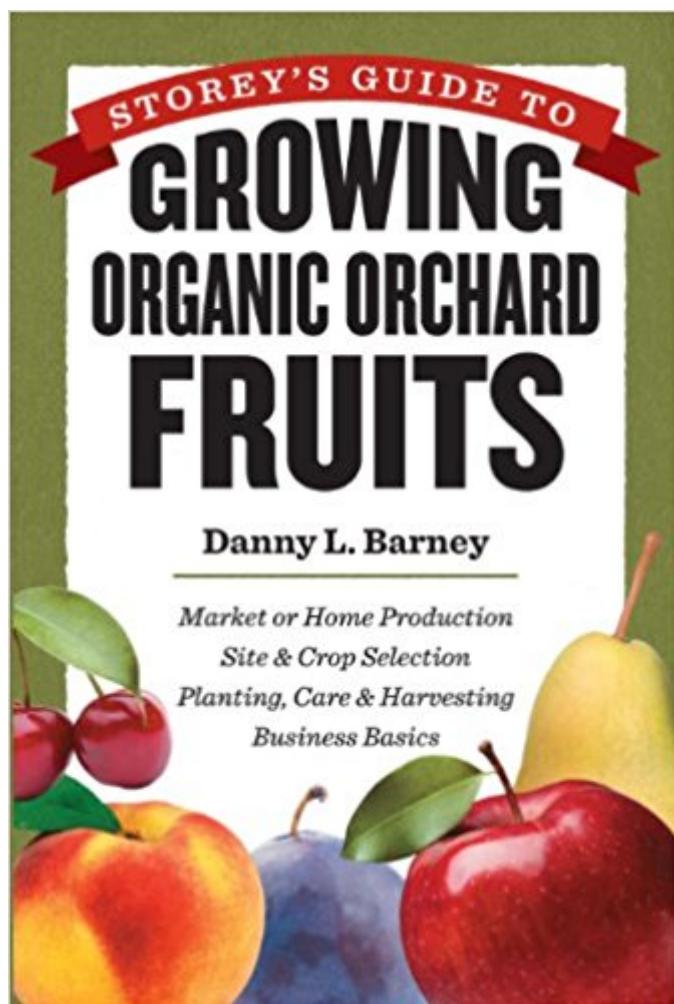


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# **Storey's Guide To Growing Organic Orchard Fruits: Market Or Home Production \* Site & Crop Selection \* Planting, Care & Harvesting \* Business Basics**





## Synopsis

Danny Barney covers everything you need to know to successfully grow and market your own organic orchard fruits. Offering expert tips on selecting the right site, choosing the best cultivars, designing and maintaining a sustainable orchard, and efficiently harvesting fruit, Barney also helps you develop a viable business plan, acquire necessary organic certifications, and identify niche markets for your products.

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Anyone who has ever tended a backyard apple or pear tree is familiar with the challenges of keeping the fruit protected from marauding bugs and parasites. When the goal is producing an organically grown crop untainted by pesticides, the orchard caretaker's task becomes even more daunting. Although the target audience for this comprehensive manual to cultivating an organic orchard is commercial growers, home-based fruit aficionados can benefit as well. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of organic farming methods as a horticulture professor at the University of Idaho, Barney covers all the basics of orchard planning, maintenance, and harvesting, from orchard design and preparation to nutrient management and pruning techniques. Barney addresses special considerations and growing tips for every variety of pome and stone-fruit crop. A helpful appendix section also provides sample planning and production-year calendars. With a growing population of health-conscious consumers looking for alternatives to pesticide-treated and genetically modified produce, Barney's encyclopedic guide will give fruit growers both

expert supervision and a strong incentive for committing to organic orchard cultivation. --Carl Hays

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Answer the growing demand for organic fruit! Whether you are new to fruit farming or have already sold thousands of bushels, Danny L. Barney's complete guide to managing organic orchards is exactly what you need as you prepare for the next growing season. Includes comprehensive coverage of:- Choosing and planting pome fruits: apples, pears, quince, medlar, mayhaws, loquats, and saskatoons- Choosing and planting stone fruits: apricots, cherries, peaches, nectarines, and plums- Site selection and organic orchard design- Testing and improving soil conditions- Watering systems- Pruning, training, and thinning- Organic disease and pest control- Harvesting and storing fruit- Developing a business plan- Marketing, packaging, and selling your products

Only part way through the book and am really liking it. Thumbed through the rest and am thrilled with the non-stop info throughout the entire book. A lot of books like to tell you about their personal views & experiences. That is all good, but I am needing info on how to set up an orchard and what to choose to grow. This book is certainly meeting that need. Very informative! Excellent charts, illustrations, how to set up your home or business orchard, and business start up info. I would love to see another book from this same author on other unusual types of fruits, such as Hardy Kiwi, Aronia Berry, and Elderberry for northern growers.

Excellent book for the home fruit grower. Since organic growing methods are stressed in the book, disease resistance varieties are emphasized. The book covers site selection and preparation, disease prevention and treatment, variety selection and pruning. Lots of info on rootstocks especially modern ones which many books lack coverage of. The book covers the usual fruits apple, cherry, etc. as well as spending time on unusual fruits like serviceberries and medlars. Good easy to understand guidance on pruning which covers several different methods for each fruit type. I wish I had found this book earlier it would have saved me a lot of time searching the internet and checking books out of the library trying to find information that most sources omit.

This book is a very well written guide on the entire a to z of fruit trees, growing, planning, marketing and even care of trees. I have been looking for a book of this nature for some time and finally there is one. This is helpful for the beginner as well as experienced orchard person. I highly recommend this for reading as well as reference. I love it and I think you will too.

This book is for the more serious reader on the subject. It is a in-depth look at orchards, and covers topics in chapters. The book is a pretty thick (544 pages) yet easy to read. It is defiantly not a step by step picture book. It is set up more like a text book. I am defiantly learning a lot! The only lacking I can see would be if you are looking for information on a specific type of fruit. It does not cover any specific plant in depth, it looks at the bigger picture. The Content Page could easily tell you if it has what you are looking for.

A book that takes seriously the business of starting and keeping an orchard organic. With helpful definitions and links to the business/certification end of things to hands on details about layout, selection of fruits, care of the trees and the undercover - all in all a very useful book. Just what I needed. Will be referring to it often in the years ahead.

Very informative, well written. Wonderful information.

Good book!!!

There is a lot of good information in this book. A lot of it is oriented to the small orchard business but has plenty of useful information for the home orchard.

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