

Would you like help?

I would love to help you learn to grow apples organically. It's not easy, but it can be rewarding. My passion for growing apples runs deep, and I enjoy helping others make their dreams and plans for apple trees become a reality.

Whether you want to select an apple tree or start a commercial orchard, or you want advice on your existing trees, I am happy to help. Growing your own apples for home use can be delicious and rewarding. And growing apples commercially for our local communities can be a worthwhile adventure.

But getting started can be a bit daunting, and how to manage insects and diseases organically can be overwhelming. And not much information is out there to guide you that is germane to our Upper Midwest conditions. But I've been there and I can help.

You could be an existing apple grower and have specific questions. Perhaps you want to come to the orchard and see what we have learned during 20 years of growing organically.

I offer several options to meet your needs.

1. Q & A time over the phone or web.
2. A visit to my orchard.
3. I visit your place, be it a backyard or many acres.

During a consultation I will use my experience to give you personalized advice for your situation and desires. Together we can brainstorm and dream, and then make a plan that makes sense for you.

During consultations we can cover things such as:

- Help choose the best location on your property.
- Discuss different varieties, orchard layouts, where to buy trees and when to plant.
- How to graft to get the varieties you want, be they heirloom apples or to propagate your favorite wild apple tree.
- Discuss specific insect and disease pests, best interventions methods and timing, and how to get biology to work for you.
- Troubleshoot specific problems you have with existing trees.

Consultation Pricing:

- On-site consultation:
 - \$100/hour + mileage cost from my farm.
- Visit with me in my orchard:
 - \$100/hour
- Phone or video consultation:

- \$80/hour

After our Q & A time or visit in person, I am happy to send a recap of what we discussed.


I don't want money to be a barrier to you. If my pricing doesn't fit your budget, please reach out. I would be happy to discuss what could be a better price for you, or we could trade some hours spent working in my orchard for some consultation time.



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