

Wi Pere Citrus

22 August 2012

LOCATION	Tiniroto Orchard
VARIETY	Valencia Oranges
AREA	2 Hectares
AGE	18 Years Old
YIELD 2012	96 Tonne (48 tonne/hectare)
PRUNING STRATEGY	2 year programme in place to rejuvenate trees and establish a consistent annual cropping pattern of 50 tonne/hectare.
TECHNIQUES USED	Following harvest in March Gene Williams's machine pruned to open up rows and reduce height by 50% on alternate rows in 1 st block. Hand pruning completed on every second row in June 2012. Pruning costs to date \$2.50 per tree

LOCATION	Tiniroto Orchard
VARIETY	Encore Mandarins
AREA	2.3 Hectares
AGE	19 Years Old
YIELD 2012	110 Tonne (48 tonne/hectare)
PRUNING STRATEGY	Significant shading issues due to tree height. Trees are being reduced in height to promote high quality fruiting sites lower in the tree canopy. 2 year programme with the aim to maintain a consistent annual yield of 40 tonne/hectare from 2014 onwards.
TECHNIQUES USED	Following harvest March trees were topped at the track end only. The top 30% of the canopy was removed with Gene Williams's trimmer. Further selective limb removal will take place in September 2012 prior to flowering.

LOCATION	Tiniroto Orchard
VARIETY	Miho Mandarins
AREA	9 Hectares
AGE	8 Years Old
YIELD 2012	168 Tonne (18 tonne/hectare)
PRUNING STRATEGY	Our strategy with this variety is to create 'open centre' trees and promote maximum light interception to all sections of the canopy.
TECHNIQUES USED	Detailed hand pruning commencing August 2012. Degree of pruning will relate to upcoming cropping cycle.