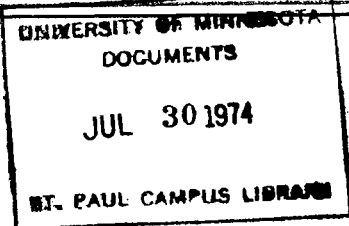


3. FRUIT GROWERS' LETTER



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MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN SUMMER ORCHARD TOUR

Tuesday, August 6, 1974

Aamodt's Stillwater Orchards, Stillwater, Minnesota, and Pine Tree Orchard, White Bear Lake, Minnesota will be featured at the annual Minnesota-Wisconsin Summer Orchard Tour, Tuesday, August 6, 1974.

Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts and machinery exhibits at Aamodt's Stillwater Orchard, located 3 miles west of Stillwater just off Minnesota Highway 36. (Wisconsin growers--the orchard is approximately 10 miles northwest of Interstate 94.)

The apple trees in the Aamodt Orchard are mostly on standard rootstocks, except for a small block of dwarfs planted in 1904. Blocks of Haralson, McIntosh, Beacon, Fireside, Prairie Spy, Redwell, and Mantet are currently bearing.

This orchard sells 100 percent of its apples retail at the orchard. This is accomplished through its excellent retail store and cider mill. (It is not unusual to see 200 cars in the orchard parking lot.) Both of these installations will be featured.

A fried chicken lunch will be served at noon at the Aamodt Orchard.

After lunch we will drive to Art Jacobsen's Pine Tree Orchard, just 5 miles away. This orchard features a large number of apple varieties of varying ages. Seedlings, M 7 and M 106 rootstocks have been used extensively and there is a significant amount of interplanting in the old, established orchard. The results of chemical thinning with Sevin and NAA, as well as retail marketing and cider plants, will be viewed at both orchards.

Personnel from both the University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota, and Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Agriculture will be available for discussion of apple production and marketing problems.

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