

GROWING PEACHES AND NECTARINES

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VARIETIES	
Peaches:	Flordaking, Flordagold, Flordahome and Flordacrest
Nectarines:	Sundollar and Sungem
NOTE: Should be grafted on Nemaguard or Okinawa rootstock.	
SPACING	
20' between trees or from other structures.	
SOIL AND FERTILIZATION	
pH 6.0-6.5 - Fertilize with a 10-10-10 fertilizer at rate of 1.5 lbs per year of tree age each February. Can apply one half in February and other half in May.	
PRUNING	
Prune peach trees in winter to a vase shape with the center cut out. Remove overcrowded branches, water sprouts and head back terminal growth in addition to keeping the center open.	
THINNING	
Thin young fruit to one every 6 inches.	
INSECTS	
White Peach Scale:	Oil sprays in winter. Diazinon or Malathion when you see the crawlers.
Curculio:	Malathion beginning with petal drop every two weeks.
Stink Bugs:	Sevin or Malathion
Borers:	Thiodan trunk spray every month and cut out those already feeding. Can also use Dursban after harvest.
DISEASES	
Brown Rot:	Spray with sulfur or Benlate from petal drop every two weeks.

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