The apple fruiting wall, Mass Aggie Seminar, 16-April 2011 (J. Clements, UMass)

Parts list

apple trees on dwarf (M.9, B.9) rootstock, preferably scab-resistant

or at least not highly scab-susceptible

3 to 4 pressure treated (or equivalent) 4-5" diameter by 10 ft.long

diameter wood posts

150 to 250 ft. 12.5 gauge (or similar) wire

2 (or more?) earth anchors (duckbill, screw-in, posts)

several (?) gripples or fastlok wire fasteners (kencove.com)

8-10 (or fewer) Quik Ends (kencove.com)

75-100 U-hooks (oescoinc.com or Peach Ridge Orchard Supply) if doing

tall- or super-spindle (3 ft and 2 ft spacing respectively)

25 1/2 inch by 10 ft. conduit if doing 3 ft. spacing vertical-axis style

50-100 ft. drip irrigation tubing/soaker hose

Tools needed

electric drill and 1/4 inch speed-bore drill bit

hammer/sledge hammer

vise-grip pliers

post-hole digger

shovel

hand saw (?)

hand pruners or loppers

gloves and protective eyewear

ladder or step-stool

