

## The 11 Links to Harvest

- 1. **Chill Hours**: To High? To Low? Just right for your micro-climate.
- 2. **Location**: At least 6 hours of sun and light. Good Drainage.
- 3. **Feeding:** When, Where, How and Why
- 4. **Watering**: When, Where, How and Why
- 5. **Pruning:** Be sure you know who needs what kind of "Hair cut" when...or you may cut **SHORT** or even cut **Off** your Harvest.
- 6. **Weather at Blooming**: Huffing and Puffing...will blow your Blooms away! Rain = less pollinators
- 7. <u>Pollination</u>: Plant flowers & herbs everywhere, this will attract pollinators. ALSO, Check to see if your **Girl tree** needs a **Boy friend** "*To do their thing*"
- 8. Weather after Blooming / Pollination: Last minute Chill can Kill
- 9. <u>Culling of Fruit</u>: Measure one hand-width between fruit...Too much fruit left on trees equals Small, Poor Tasting fruit, Broken limbs and Broken Hearts
- 10. <u>Harvest</u>: Eat, don't let the fruit go bad, on the ground, on the limb or counter...Preserve...Share... Be Merry...giving is always a good thing to do, to family, friends, and even "The Boss"
- 11. <u>Feeding after Harvest</u>: Remember after you eat, the tree needs to Eat & Drink. This starts next year's bud development. This may even be the "Floating Fifth Feeding"

## Remember:

"if a link in the chain is broken, so is the chance of a Good Harvest"