

GROWING SEASONS

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WINTER

The crisp, frosty winters in the Columbia River Valley provide the perfect climate for our fruit trees to “chill out”. After prolonged exposure to the cold of winter (vernalization) our fruit trees acquire the ability to flower. Low temperatures initiate and/or accelerate the flowering process.

Snowfall provides a critical water source in the spring, when snow melts to feed the roots of our trees.

During the off-season, CMI sources delicious fruit from premier orchardists in Chile, New Zealand and Argentina.

SPRING

The first apple, pear and cherry blossoms appear, blanketing the valley in flowers as white as snow. It's a beautiful time of year and one that signals the start of a fruitful year ahead.

Honey bees are very important during this time of year. Our orchardists rely on healthy bees for pollination to occur.

By the end of spring, juicy and sweet Red and Rainier cherries are ripe and ready for harvest.



SUMMER

Throughout the summer months, our fruit soaks up sunshine that transforms dense flesh to sugary sweetness. In June, sweet apricots are ready for harvest.

By late August, apple and pear harvest is underway. Over several weeks our apple and pear trees are picked clean.

FALL

With harvest complete, this is the time of year where the busy work begins in the our warehouses.

When fruit bins are transported into the packing sheds they are placed into controlled-atmosphere (CA) rooms where the fruit are put to sleep until they are ready to pack.

When CA rooms are opened, the fruit is removed, washed, sorted and packed ready for shipment to our customers.