

Citrus Trellis Project

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Today all development projects are costly, and a trellis structure intensifies that issue.



Planning

- ▶ **Variety of Citrus**
- ▶ **Tree spacing and Row spacing**
- ▶ **Row direction**
- ▶ **Ordering tree height**
- ▶ **Type of trellis: Vertical or Tatura**
- ▶ **Trellis height (6ft to 8ft)**
- ▶ **Wire placement on steel posts:
before and after planting**

Trellis Options

**Vertical Trellis
with standard
trees**



**Tatura Trellis with
angle planted
standard trees**



**Tatura Trellis with
vertical planted
standard trees**

Evaluation Process

► Project Considerations.

- Water: Quality
 Quantity
 Availability
 Reservoir as an option
- Location: Soil
 Topography
 Field layout
- Variety Tree Vigor, Tree Spacing and Row spacing
 Fruit setting quantity and Cultural practices.

Irrigation water

Quality

Trees planted in a tight spacing

Quantity

Increased consumption.
About 20% increase in
water use

Availability

Water source-well / surface

Reservoir

Surface water stored -
available anytime.



Project location

Soil

Topography -Installing Trellis system

Field layout -Spacing and Row direction



Property Layout

- ▶ Planning is critical. Once the deadman and steel posts are installed, changes are tough.
- ▶ Considerations
 - ▶ Turning at end of rows
 - ▶ Windmachine drives
 - ▶ Fertilizer chemical deliveries
 - ▶ Spray applications.
 - ▶ Harvest
 - ▶ Access walkways through trellis



Trellis walkways

Access the block from the middle rather than only from the ends.

If your irrigation risers run through the interior of the block, put the walkways so workers can access them.



Tying (Velcro Project) Pruning



Harvesting Vertical Trellis



Tutura Trellis



Summary

Variety: Sumo Citrus Mandarins.

Planting density: Vertical $12 \times 4 = 907$ trees/acre
Tatura $15 \times 3 = 968$ trees/acre

Increase in water and fertilizer applications:
Water around 20% increase Fertilizer around 30% increase

Pruning and Tying additional cost: first few years

Production potential: 2X Yield over conventional Sumo Citrus plantings

Trellis cost: \$10,000/acre

Tree costs: \$22,270/acre

The other development costs you are all familiar with.

Assemble a Strong Team

John Walter: Land leveling

Streamline Irrigation: Johnny Rispens, Filter station and Irrigation system

Performance grading: Chris Luis, reservoir construction

D&E Construction: Dennis Shamoon, Pond Liner

High Sierra Ag: Zack Stuller, Groundwork, berms, and establishing Row direction

A&P Ag structures: Shaun Berbereia, Trellis Design and Installation

TreeSource Citrus Nursery: Heidi Cervantes, Tall Citrus Trees

Woodlake Planting Video



Thank you !!

Can I answer any questions?

Please buy lots of Sumo Citrus!!

