

Wild West District

Why Fruit Trees Fail to Bear Fruit

If your fruit tree is growing but not blooming or bearing fruit, the problem could be anything from tree age and health to weather or environmental conditions. Following is a quick summary of K-State's publication Why Fruit Trees Fail to Bear Fruit which may answer some questions for homeowners having fruit tree problems.

Age
Fruit trees are 1 to 2 years old when you buy them from the nursery or garden center. They are in a juvenile growth stage and should begin producing fruit as the tree matures. The time from planting to fruit bearing varies depending on growing conditions and type of fruit:

- Apple and apricot, 2 to 5 years.
- Peach, 2 to 4 years.
- Pear, 4 to 6 years.
- Plum, 3 to 6 years.
- Sour cherry, 3 to 5 years, and sweet cherry 4 to 7 years.

Fruit trees grafted on dwarf rootstock may bear fruit 1 to 2 years earlier than a standard size tree.

Growing Conditions
Extremely vigorous growth inhibits flower bud formation and may be a sign your tree is receiving too much nitrogen. On bearing trees, stop nitrogen fertilization if more than 12 to 24 inches of new shoot growth occurs during the growing season.

Pruning
Excessive pruning stimulates upright growth, which reduces flower bud formation and delays fruit bearing. Insufficient pruning results in an increasing number of limbs, branches and shoots in the tree canopy causing heavy shading and poor fruit bud development. Over time fruit only develops on the outer edge of the canopy. Pruning a large portion of the limbs and branches inside the canopy will increase sunlight penetration and promote fruit bud development in the inner area of the tree.

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LEGAL NOTICE
GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Haskell County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant. Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days.

Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,

2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100. per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.00

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or live-stock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial



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Winter Cold Injury
Extremely cold winter temperatures can kill flower buds. Hardy apple, pear, plum, and sour cherry varieties are seldom injured by winter weather. Mid-winter temperatures of around minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit can kill peach tree flower buds. A mid-winter warm period followed by a cold one can damage the flower buds of most fruits. The temperature at which fruit bud injury occurs depends primarily on the stage of development.

Spring Frost Damage
As flower buds begin to swell and open, they become susceptible to damage and may be killed at temperatures below 24 degrees. At full bloom, flower buds will start to suffer damage as the temperature reaches 28 degrees.

Injured flowers may appear normal, but the pistil (the center part of the flower) is damaged, and trees will not bear fruit.

Pollination
Most fruit trees are self-fruitful and do not require a second variety. However, self-unfruitful trees with perfect flowers that can not produce fruit from their own pollen require pollen from another cultivar. This type includes apple, pear, sweet cherry, and Japanese and American plum trees. At least two varieties must be planted nearby.

For more information contact a K-State Extension office or view K-State's publication MF2166 Why Fruit Trees Fail to Bear Fruit online.

processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Haskell County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W.S.W9th9,thT,opTeokpae,kaK,SKS666661621626.612 Kelly Brown - Director Haskell County Weed Department 620-675-2213

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IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HASKELL COUNTY, KANSAS (Pursuant to Chap. 59, K.S.A.)

In the Matter of the Estate of)

)Case No. HS-2025-PR-06 PAUL E. ROXSTROM,) Deceased)

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Marjorie B. Roxstrom, as the spouse and an heir of Paul E. Roxstrom, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Haskell County, Kansas:

4.254167% interest in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), in Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Thirty-two (32) West of the 6th P.M., Haskell County, Kansas.



Dear Readers,
With the hullabaloo about the price of eggs lately it is hard not to think about chickens. More specifically, the current phenomena of people deciding to get chickens who have never raised chickens. I witnessed this a few weeks ago when I went to my local farm supply store to pick up my fluffies. This is something I have done several times over the years. It ain't my first rodeo.

The hatchery takes orders in advance and on that happy day you just go pick them up. I should have known something was going to be different this time because that hatchery (a local, excellent supplier of all types of domestic fowl) was struggling to manage the volume of new customers. Their phones were in a permanent state of busy. Their social media pages and website issued flash warnings stating "Please be patient! We're trying to get to all of you!" But no more was this demand for their services apparent then when I got to the outlet. This hatchery arrives every few weeks with boxes of kiddies, and they usually stay about 3 hours. And when I arrive there may be five or six people waiting in line.

But this time—Holy Cats!—there had to be 100. The line of hopeful egggers ran from the hatcheries' tables halfway across the store. And this is a BIG store. And I came late. I can't imagine what it was like in the two hours before my arrival. I took my place in back of the line and was lucky enough to be standing next to a young man, big and bearded, and, of course, we started talkin' chicken'. He, too, was augmenting his already producing flock, and the time flew by as we compared brooding, housing and breeding methods.

No two chicken breeders really do anything exactly the same way. So you always learn something from someone else. I am proud to say that when you are supplied with good day-old stock, provide the correct warmth, space, water and food, you shouldn't lose a single bird. And I haven't. But after "Chick Days" all over the state you'll hear the laments of those less fortunate who have. Some just a few chicks and some almost all of them. And though they inevitably are inclined to blame this on the hatcheries, I can't help but feel the source of these losses is the breeder's own inexperience. Chickens have a tough learning curve. And the diabolical winter we have just gone through was no small contributor to this.

And as I stood in line with my new friend, we could actually tell the new chicken contingent from the old hands. They were full of excitement and expectation, but perhaps unaware of what they might be getting into. And my companion echoed my thoughts when he offered this wisdom unto me: "You know," he said, quietly, so as not to be overheard. "In about six months there's gonna be a lot of cheap eggs or a lot of dead chickens around these parts."

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: EDISON OPERATING COMPANY LLC - Application for Injection Well

DOCKET NO. D-34.579 CONSERVATION DIVISION LICENSE NO. 34434

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Edison Operating Company LLC has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Marmaton formation at the Homsher #8-33 well located 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Sec. 33-30S-33W, Haskell County, Kansas, with a maximum injection rate of 1,000 bbls per day and a maximum injection pressure of 1,000 psig.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly. Edison Operating Company, LLC 9342 E. Central Ave, Suite A Wichita, Kansas 67206 (316) 201-1744

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Sublette in Haskell County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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This & That

It's been a while, but I'm back with a list of exciting spring activities!

We're looking forward to hosting an art show for the high schools in our league on Wednesday, April 26. This event is being organized by Satanta High School art teacher Christine Ramirez.

My personal focus has shifted to forensics, as Satanta will host the SPIAA League Forensics Tournament on Wednesday, April 2.

I'm also considering attending Moscow High School Student Council's Donkey Basketball Fundraiser, also on Wednesday, April 2. Spectator tickets are available for \$9 in advance and \$13 at the door. For more details, visit the Satanta High School Facebook page.

The Satanta High School Academic Banquet will take place on Friday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. Each class has been asked to contribute items to help supplement the meal, and students from each grade level will lead the banquet presentations.

The Satanta National Honor Society will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Satanta High School on Tuesday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donors are urgently needed! If you're able to help, please text me at 620-649-7167.

The weekend of April 11-13 will be especially busy. On Friday,

day, April 11, at 6:00 p.m., the Satanta Area Arts Council will host an art opening featuring the work of Rachel Knowles. This free event, open to the public, will include complimentary food and beverages. Then, on Saturday, April 12, we'll celebrate Prom—stay tuned for details about Promenade.

Sunday, April 13, is packed with activities:

- 1:00 p.m. – The Satanta Chamber of Commerce and the Satanta Community Foundation will co-host an Easter Egg Hunt at Apache Park.
- 2:00 p.m. – The Arts Council will host the Nell McLain Piano Tea at the Sublette United Methodist Church.
- 3:00 p.m. – The Satanta PTO will hold the Grade School Prom.

Looking ahead, Satanta Day is right around the corner. The Chamber is gauging interest in hosting a craft show this year. If you'd like to participate, please visit the Chamber's Facebook page or contact me at rburrows@usd507.org. I'm also helping with the Chief and Princess application process, so keep an eye out for the announcement of this year's honorees!

And speaking of upcoming milestones—high school graduation is set for Sunday, May 11. I've always said that the last quarter flies by, and I stand by that assertion!



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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Merit Energy Company LLC- Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery saltwater into the BKU 105, located in Haskell County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Minerals Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Merit Energy Company LLC, has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Morrow formation at the BKU 105, located in the SE-SE-NW-SE Sec. 28-27-33W Has-

kell County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 2000 psig and a maximum injection rate of 2000 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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