Prune & Plum
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Plum/Prune
- European - ok in heavier soils, not oriental
- prune vs plum
- rootstock - seedling, St. Julian “A”, Citation
- varieties
  - European - mostly self-fertile
  - Oriental - mostly self-fertile
  - native - self-fertile

Rootstock
- Seedling
- St. Julian “A”
- Citation

Pollination
See chart

Spacing & Fertilization
- Spacing:
  - European - 15’ to 20’ apart, bears in 4-5 years
  - Oriental - 14’ to 20’ apart, bears in 3 years
- Fertilization:
  - often needs boron

Diseases
- Diseases: few
  - Peach Leaf Curl
  - Brown Rot
  - bacterial canker
  - shothead fungus

Peach Leaf Curl
In insects and other pests:
- aphids
- root borer
- yellowjacket
Pruning & Thinning

- Pruning: open center or multiple leader
  - prune suckers and water sprouts with a glove in June
  - prune Oriental severely
  - prune European annually to open up center and renew growth, short spurs grow fruit
- Thin Oriental, not European, 3”-6” apart when the size of a nickel

Harvest Dates

- July and August

Plum chart – see hand out