

APPLE KNOCKER'S GUIDE

Apples are food. Food will win the war. Damage to food helps the Axis . . . BE CAREFUL.

These suggestions are well known to the experienced picker, but may serve as a reminder. The inexperienced picker should study them carefully, ask advice from the foreman.

Following these tips saves money for the owner and makes money for the picker.

ALWAYS . . .

Always follow directions and suggestions of picking foreman.

Always line up boxes in shade before starting to pick a tree. Be sure full boxes will be on side nearest roadway.



Always pick the bottom of the tree first.

Always place the ladder in the tree carefully and be sure it is solid.



Always pick by tipping apples, not by pulling.

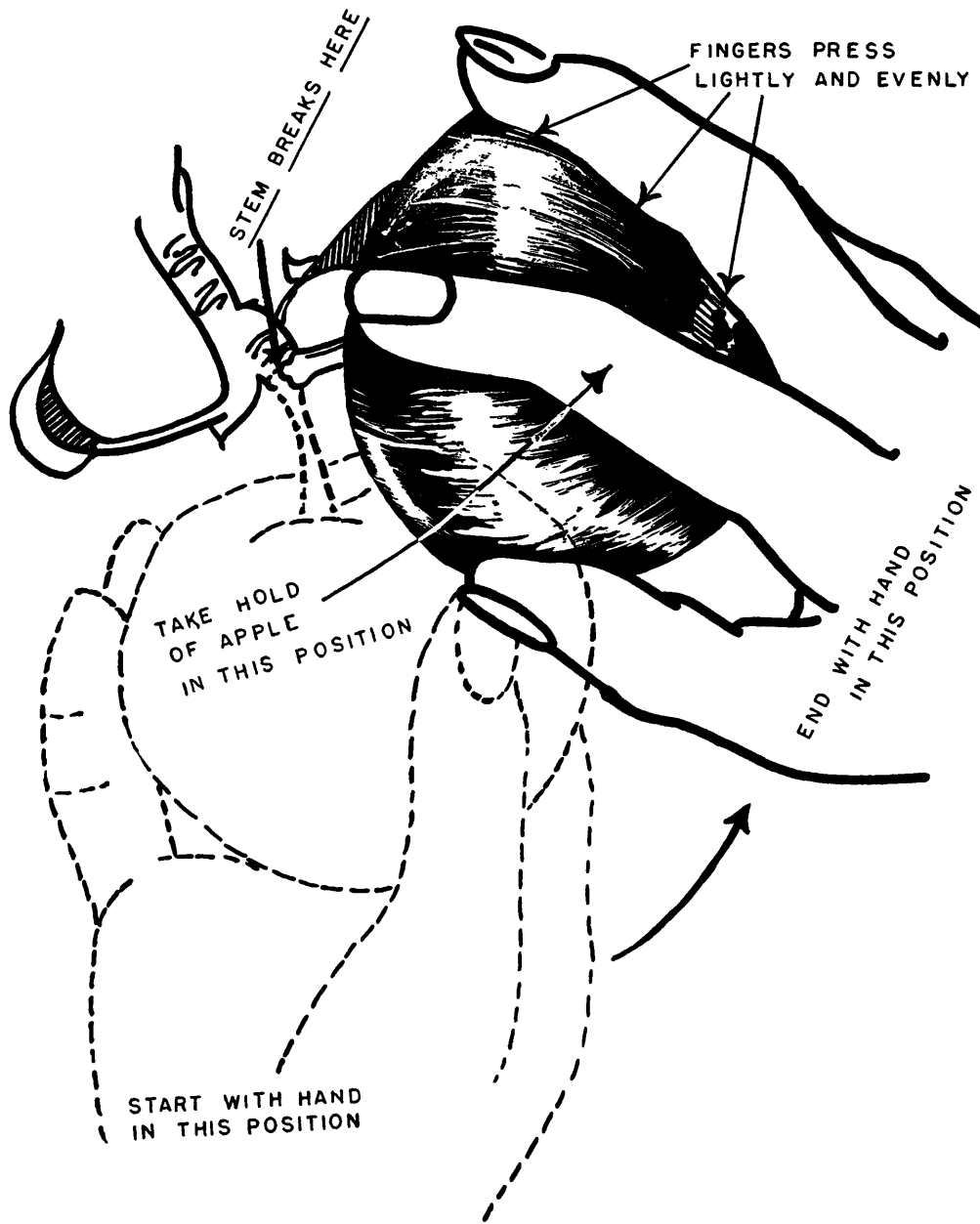
Always place apples in picking bag or bucket carefully, allow apples to roll gently into box.



Always place one full bag into each box, level boxes later.

Always keep full boxes in shade if possible.

Extension Service
State College of Washington
Pullman, Washington



The way to pick apples. Take hold of the apple carefully and lift it to one side, turning the hand. The stem is gently loosened from the spur. The stem **must** remain on the apple.

NEVER . . .

Never drop an apple, lay it down.



Never place filled boxes under trees being picked where fruit can drop into them.

Never pull an apple off the tree. Pulled stems make culls.

Never shake fruit from the tree.



Never allow picking bag to bump against the ladder.

Never drop fruit into picking bag.

Never fill a box more than level full. Boxes must be stacked without injuring apples.

Never pick up fallen or dropped apples and mix with picked fruit.

Never drop a full apple box. Set it down gently.



Never roll fruit with hands to settle it in the box.

By John C. Snyder, Extension Horticulturist



Published and distributed in furtherance of the Act of May 8, 1914, by the State College of Washington, Extension Service, F. E. Balmer, Director, and U. S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.
