

STONE FRUIT GROWTH STAGES

Peach & Plum & Cherry & Apricot & Nectarine

STAGE 0 **Dormant**

Buds are covered by dark brown scales. No visible growth.

STAGE 1 **Swollen Bud**

Buds enlarge and scales begin to separate.

STAGE 2 **Pink/White Tip**

Flower petals first become visible at the bud tip.

STAGE 3 **Full Bloom**

Flowers are completely open. Pollination occurs.

STAGE 4 **Petal Fall**

Petals drop. The ovary begins to swell at the base.

STAGE 5 **Shuck Split**

The papery remains of the flower split as fruit expands.

STAGE 6 **Pit Hardening**

Fruit size plateaus as the internal seed/pit solidifies.

STAGE 7 **Maturity**

Final swell. Color changes and sugar content rises.

Observations & Maintenance Log