



Apple trees rest during the winter months. There are buds on the branches that will produce leaves and flowers.



In the spring, the temperature warms and the buds swell and then break free with leaves and blossoms.



Honey bees are attracted to the nectar of the flowers. While they are collecting nectar they are also picking up pollen and spreading it to other flowers for pollination.



After the picking season the apple tree drops its leaves and prepares to hibernate for the winter months. It will continue to use nutrients and water from the soil to build up strength for next year. We also prune the trees in the winter to help give the trees a healthy amount of limbs and foliage.



Apples move across our grading line and are sorted for size and color before they are loaded onto a truck for market.



We use Red Delicious apples and squeeze them to make fresh apple cider.



The bins get to our packing house and are washed, graded and boxed up for sale.



We use big wooden bins to move the apples from the orchard to the packing house. We use a forklift to move the heavy bins around.



We pick using bags that open on the bottom. This makes picking faster and keeps the fruit from getting damaged.



The bees use pollen to make honey.



Over the summer months the apples grow with help from nutrients and water in the soil.



We harvest our apples from late August to late October.

# THE LIFE OF AN APPLE TREE

