

Animal Control in Fruits and Vegetables
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Bird Control:

Nesting Canada geese are one of our biggest problems in the spring. We use Scare-Away Launchers to keep them from nesting. These can be purchased through Wilson Orchard and Vineyard Supply
Website: www.wilsonirr.com

In the vineyard we use woven bird control netting from Orchard Valley Supply.
Website: www.orchardvalleysupply.com phone: 1(888) 755-0098

- The green netting is lighter and doesn't last as long. We find that the white netting is reusable for 5 or 6 years.

Small Animal Control:

We use VersaNet Plus, a charged poultry fence, around any crops that are likely to attract raccoons rabbits or other small animals.

- The netting and chargers can be purchased through Premier 1 Supplies. Website: www.premier1supplies.com Phone: 1(800) 282-6631
- We have also had really good luck with the Gallagher chargers from QC Supply
Website: www.qcsupply.com Phone: 1(888) 433-5275

Rodent Control:

We have a pest control company take care of rodent control in and around our packing facility. Use a reputable pest control service in your area. They will generate a report that will satisfy the requirements under your food safety plan.

Rodents in the fields are controlled with bait stations and rodenticide blocks. These can be purchased at any farm supply store. I like the Motomco tamper resistant bait stations sold through QC Supply.