

## INPUTS

### Planting Materials

When fruit cultivation was introduced in Rasuwa, all the saplings that were distributed were supplied by outside sources. After the establishment of the horticultural station, a portion of the planting materials that were required was supplied by the station. Within the last five years, two private nurseries have been established, but these have not been able to use their full production capacity.

### Fertilisers

Fertilisers are generally not used by farmers for fruit and vegetable cultivation. Use of chemical fertilisers, particularly for cultivating potatoes and vegetables, should be encouraged; in addition to compost and FYM (farmyard manure). Fertilisers are available from the Agricultural Inputs' Corporation (AIC) through co-operatives and dealers or directly from the AIC.

### Pesticides and Fungicides

There is no evidence that pesticides and fungicides are applied, excluding some big orchards. This may be due to the lack of expert technical advice or poor extension services. The AIC also does not keep sufficient amounts of these substances.

### Tools and Implements

Tools that are locally made by blacksmiths are used, **apart from secateurs and pruning saws.** Secateurs and pruning saws are imported and are **not easily available.** **These tools are not used** in most of the orchards.