

SPROUT

The word "SPROUT" is written in a bold, light green, sans-serif font. The letter "Q" is stylized, with a small green sprout icon (a stem with two leaves) positioned inside the upper loop of the letter.

Pruning

What: Pruning is the physical act of trimming branches, leaves or dead matter from a plant.

Why do we prune?

- To make the plant look more attractive
- To remove broken , diseased or any pest-infested branches (for healthier plants)
- Pruning reduces the amount of wood and so diverts energy into the production of more eggplants
- To allow more light and air throughout the shrub, resulting in an even growth of the foliage.

How to prune Eggplants

1. Begin at the bottom section of the plant and clip the lower leaflets from the main branch to allow more air circulation and light
2. Clip leaves or branches that grows towards the centre to improve air circulation and light



No branches or leaves
in the centre

No lower leaflets

3. Remove all the suckers. Suckers are sprouts that develop between two branches. Suckers divert plant energy for its development

Remove suckers

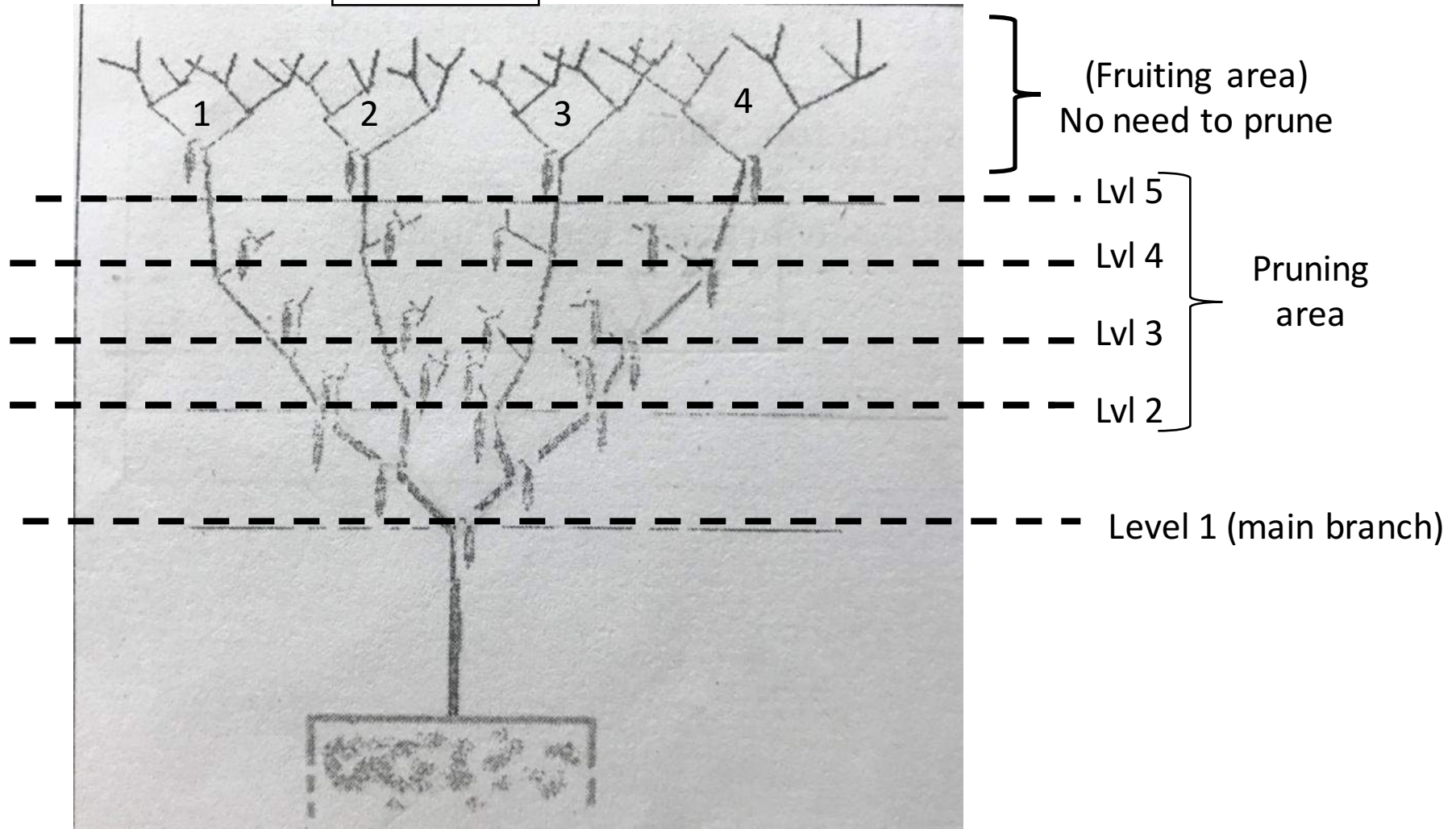


4. Snip off more branches until it is left with three stem that leads from the main branch



How to prune Chilli

4 branches



For level 2- 5

- Pruning can be done, 25-30 days after transplantation
- Snip off more branches until it is left with four branches that leads from the main branch
- Clip leaves or branches that grows towards the centre to improve air circulation and light
- No need to prune in the fruiting area (top) part.

Pruning

- Three branches are maintained for every plant to achieve a good quality fruit and color
- Lateral branches are removed periodically
- Infected leaves are also removed to prevent further transmission of disease
- Older leaves from the lower parts of the plants are removed to allow the better air circulation around the plants

For Okra and eggplant

- Start pruning the lower leaves as the fruit development start
- So that more nutrient will go to the fruit instead of the leaves

