

Recommended Varieties & Nurseries



Recommended cultivars are based on climate adaptability (zone 5b-8a), disease resistance (critical importance), later blooming time, storage life, nutrition, tree size, soil adaptation (root stock), and flavor quality – with an emphasis on “Ease of Maintenance.”

Fruit Trees:

Apple (In order of ripening, most will be 12-15’ tall and wide): look for resistance to apple scab & fireblight especially
Recommended Rootstock: G.202 10-13’ tall, M7 13-17’ tall

‘Pristine’ Apple (PRI)

This PRI (Purdue, Rutgers, and Illinois Universities) selection ripens in late July, producing large crops of beautiful yellow apples that are crisp and tasty. They are mildly tart and excellent for fresh eating, baking or in applesauce. The trees are highly resistant to apple scab, cedar apple rust and somewhat resistant to powdery mildew and fireblight.

‘William’s Pride’ Apple (PRI)

This apple is one of the best early season apples available. Fruit ripens to red in late July to early August. Apple has very crisp texture and mild-tart/sweet flavor. Disease resistant.

‘Redfree’ Apple (PRI)

This selection is an attractive modern summer apple, with a high level of disease resistance. As well as excellent resistance to scab it also has good resistance to fire blight and cedar apple rust. Ripens early August.

‘Liberty’ Apple

Liberty is very similar to appearance to McIntosh, but its flavor is a bit more tart and its flesh is crisper. It has a wonderful flavor all its own. It is a good dependable choice because it is highly productive, an excellent pollinizer, keeps well and is resistant to all the major apple diseases. It ripens early September.

‘Enterprise’ Apple (PRI)

A glossy red apple with an excellent spritely flavor that improves with storage. The tree is productive, vigorous and spreading. Fruit ripens about Mid October. It is an excellent keeper and is immune to scab and resistant to fire blight, cedar apple rust and mildew.

‘Sundance’ Apple (PRI)

A pale yellow apple with a pink blush and a juicy, sweet sub-acid flavor. Fruit ripens in mid-October. Immune to apple scab and highly resistant to fire-blight and cedar apple rust with moderate resistance to powdery mildew. Offered on a dwarf rootstock ideal for smaller areas.

Cherry

‘Carmine Jewel’ | ‘Romeo’ | ‘Juliet’ Bush Cherries:

6-7’ tall and wide. Perfect for food production and the edible

landscape. The tart fruit is an early season producer. The fruits are set under the foliage so the birds don’t even know they are there! NEEDS WELL DRAINED SOIL (Self-fertile)

Carmine 3.5g fruit | Romeo 4.0g fruit | Juliet 5.0g fruit (all on own roots, not grafted)

‘Black Gold’ Cherry

12-15’ tall. Late-blooming, disease-resistant sweet cherry that has a better chance of missing spring frosts. This variety is self-pollinating and fruits are large, deep red and crack resistant. Ripens early season. Needs well-drained soil. (Self-pollinating)

‘Danube’ Cherry

10-15’ tall. A selection from Hungary, where delicious cherries have been grown for centuries. The dark red fruit has a wonderful sweet/tart unique flavor. It is a cross of the sweet and tart cherry. It is delicious eaten fresh or in baked goods. It is self-fertile, productive and ripens in the later season for cherries. (self-pollinating)

‘Montmorency’ Tart Cherry

(self-fertile) 12-15’ tall and wide

This is the standard tart or pie cherry grown in the US. Fruits ripen with red skin and yellow flesh in mid-June. Very productive and easy to maintain.

Asian Pear (in order of ripening, most 12-15' H x 12' W)

'Shinsui' Asian Pear

The earliest Asian we offer, ripening to a russet yellow in mid July. Trees are very precocious and require heavy thinning. Somewhat susceptible to fire-blight, but has been relatively free of it in our area.

'Shinseiki' Asian Pear

Shinseiki means "New Century" in Japanese, it originates from a cross between Nijeseiki (Twentieth Century) and Chojuro. Shinseiki is an early Asian pear, ripening in mid-summer. The fruit is round, medium sized, golden with white, sweet, crisp, and very juicy flesh. Great chilled on a hot summer day. A good keeper.

Very excellent fire blight resistance.

'Chojuro' Asian Pear

The first improved Japanese russet pear that originated in Kawasaki, Japan in 1895 by Chojuro Toma. Round shape fruits, ripening to a russet orange in September. Flavor once fully ripe is incredibly sweet like butterscotch with a wonderful crisp texture. Medium storage life to 4 months.

'Yoinashi' Asian Pear

This round brown skinned fruit is crisp, juicy and aromatic. It sets a heavy crop of medium to large fruits in mid-September. Fire-blight resistant.

'Shinko' Asian Pear

Fruit is medium to large (14-20 oz.) with a brown to golden brown russet. Flesh is yellowish white with a good juicy, sweet flavor. Fruit quality is very good to excellent. Tree is of medium size, average vigor and a heavy bearer. Stores 3 to 4 months. Attractive golden russet skin; firm, crisp flesh. Ripens late September one week after Yoinashi and two weeks before Olympic. Fine winter keeper. Very productive. MUCH LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FIREBLIGHT than most Asian pears.

'Korean Giant' Asian Pear (Olympic)

One of the largest Asian pears sometimes weighing 1lb per or more. Ripens to russet orange in mid-October. Long storage life to 6 months.

European Pear (in order of ripening, depending on rootstock 15-20' h and 12-15' w)

Recommended Rootstocks: OHxF333 (10'-12'), OHxF87 (15'-17') and OHxF97 (17'-19')

'Harrow Delight' Pear

From the Agriculture Canada station at Harrow, this is a high-quality, early, fresh market pear with excellent blight resistance. Also resistant to pear scab. Harvest about two weeks before Bartlett. Fruit is medium size and similar to Bartlett in appearance with excellent flavor and smooth flesh. Ground color is yellow with a red blush. Early bearing. Ripens in mid August

'Moonglow' Pear

Medium to large, yellow fruit with a pink blush. Soft texture, sweet taste, no grit. Moonglow is a good fresh eating and canning pear that ripens mid-August. Highly resistant to fire-blight.

'Summercrisp' Pear

Recognized for many years as the hardiest pear from the University of Minnesota, released in 1985. Free of fire blight. An annual bearer. Fruit is pyriform in shape, 2.5-3" in diameter and 3-3.5" long. Blooms early in May. The fruit should be harvested in mid-August when crisp and still green with a red blush. Fruit harvested at that time is sweet and crisp, and may be stored up to 2 months.

'Sunrise' Pear

A mid-August ripening pear. Skin blushes to a slight pinkish when ripe. Comparable to Barlett in flavor but less grit. Excellent fire blight resistance.

'Blake's Pride' Pear

Juicy fruit that melts in your mouth. Yellow to golden skin. Resistant to fireblight. Ripens in early September. Excellent keeping variety.

'Potomac' Pear

A crisp sweet pear ripening to a light green in late August to early September. Excellent fire blight resistance. Two month storage.

'Harrow Sweet' Pear

September ripening. Blight-resistant release from Agriculture Canada. Ripens about 3 weeks after Bartlett; good storage till nearly Christmas, a true winter pear. Excellent flavor; sweet and juicy. Precocious and productive; usually requires heavy thinning.

Peach (in order of ripening 15-18' H, W)

'Harrow Diamond' Peach

This selection is the first peach to ripen in our area, with the earliest ever being May 31st, but more common in late June. Blooms are late enough to avoid frosts and are very cold tolerant. Skin blushes red, flesh is yellow and semi-freestone. Resistant to bacterial spot.

'Contender' Peach

This hardy, late-blooming peach escapes late spring frosts. Beautiful, large freestone fruit is firm, sweet and delicious. Good for fresh use, freezing or for pies. Good resistance to bacterial spot. Ripens in late July

'Redhaven' Peach (self-pollinating) Citation rootstock 15-18'

This is the standard for peaches. The fruits ripen around July 20th and are yellow fleshed and freestone. Tree has good tolerance to Peach Leaf Curl.

'Desiree' Peach

Very early peach. The fruit is medium in size, highly colored, yellow-fleshed cling to semi-freestone, with excellent quality and flavor. Developed at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University. The tree is medium in vigor and resistant to bacterial spot. (Self-pollinating)

'Flamin' Fury PF19-007' Peach

'Flamin' Fury' is a series bred by peach breeder, Paul Friday. It has beautiful, large (mostly 3") highly colored, firm fruit. This tree is bacterial spot resistant, BROWN ROT RESISTANT, and a truly freestone peach. Late flowering to escape frosts. Mid to late ripening. (Self-pollinating)

Persimmon

'Elmo' Persimmon 25-40' tall (self-fertile) Native selection.

'Yates' Persimmon 25-40' tall (self-fertile) Native selection.

Large up to 2.5" variety, seedless if no male persimmon is present. Native selection from Ohio

'Garretson' Persimmon 25-40' tall

'Garretson' is a superior cultivar for northern areas. Blooms heavy and fruit ripen in early October. Fruit is light orange with a reddish blush, 1.5 inches in diameter, and has tender skin and soft flesh. Native selection.

'Prok' Persimmon 25-40' tall

Larger than most American persimmons. This variety bears huge crops of sweet, juicy fruit. Ripens in mid September to late fall. Grafted. Self-pollinating. Requires little attention once established. Native selection.

Pawpaw

'NC-1' Pawpaw 12-18' tall (Needs pollinizer)

NC-1 Pawpaw has large and delicious, early-ripening fruit with few seeds and thin skin. NC-1 Pawpaw is a hybrid seedling of Davis x Overleese; selected by R. Douglas Campbell, Ontario, Canada, in 1976. Native selection.

'Pennsylvania Gold' Pawpaw 12-18' tall (Needs pollinizer)

Pennsylvania Gold has medium to large, sweet, flavorful fruit with yellow flesh. It is one of the earliest varieties to ripen, and produces a good crop. Native selection.

'Prolific' Pawpaw 12-18' tall (Needs pollinizer)

Prolific Pawpaw is a heavy-bearing variety with large and delicious, early-ripening fruit. Native selection.

'Susquehanna' Pawpaw 12-18' tall (Needs pollinizer)

One of the largest fruited varieties, up to 1lb in size. It is considered mid-season ripening. Native selection.

Berries:

'Natchez' Thornless Blackberry

Large berries have excellent flavor. Plants are upright, vigorous and hardy. The earliest blackberry! Ripens in mid June to early July. Needs well-drained soil!

'Caroline' Fall bearing Red Raspberry

Starts bearing in August and continues until frost. Very productive and hardy with good flavor and berry size. Easy to grow and easy to prune. Needs well-drained soil!

Sources for Plant Material:

Adams County Nursery-

Apples, Pears, Asian Pears, Cherries, Peaches. www.acnursery.com

Cummins Nursery-

Apples, Pears, Asian Pears, Cherries, Peaches. Good source of Geneva rootstock.

www.cumminsnursery.com

Forrest Keeling Nursery-

Cultivars of native fruit plants; Pawpaws, persimmons, pecans, etc.

www.fknursery.com

Grandpas Orchard-

Apples, Pears, Asian Pears, Cherries, Peaches. www.grandpasorchard.com

Grimo Nut Nursery-

Hazelnut, Walnut, and other nuts. www.grimonut.com

Honeyberry USA-

Bush cherries, Saskatoons, small fruits. www.honeyberryusa.com

Indiana Berry-

Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries and other small fruits. www.indianaberry.com

Nourse Berry Farm-

Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries and other small fruits. www.noursefarms.com

One Green World-

Many unusual varieties and hard to find fruits. www.onegreenworld.com

Raintree Nursery-

Many unusual varieties and hard to find fruits. www.raintreenursery.com

Stark Brothers-

Apples, Pears, Asian Pears, Cherries, Peaches. www.starkbros.com

True Vine Ranch-

Blueberries. www.truevineranch.com