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Fruit Trees

| Fruit Trees | Average Ripening Date | Blooms | Pollination Needs | Z O N E | Flavor | Text. | Fresh Eating | Pies | Sauce | Baking | Storage Ability | | |
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| Apple | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cortland | Late Sept. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Good | Good | | |
| Fireside | Mid Oct. | Mid | Not Connell Red | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Very Good | Fair | Fair | Good | Very Good | | |
| Freedom | Late Sept. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Good | | |
| Frostbite | L Sept./E Oct | Mid-Late | Not Honeycrisp | 3 | Sweet | Crisp | Excellent | Excellent | Very Good | Very Good | Poor | | |
| Haralred® | L Sept./E Oct. | Late | Not Haralson | 3 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | | |
| Haralson | Early Oct. | Late | Not Haralred | 3 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | | |
| Honeycrisp | Late Sept. | Mid | Not Frostbite | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Excellent | Good | Good | Good | Excellent | | |
| Honeygold | E/Mid Oct. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | Good | | |
| KinderKrisp | Late August | Early | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Excellent | Good | Good | Good | Very Good | | |
| Liberty | Late Sept. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Very Good | Good | Fair | Good | Fair | | |
| McIntosh | Mid Sept. | Mid | Not MacFree | 4 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Fair | Fair | | |
| Prairie Magic | Mid Sept. | Mid | Another Apple | 3 | Sweet | Crisp | Very Good | Good | Good | Good | Fair | | |
| Red Prairie Spy | La Sept./Ea Oct. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Tart | Crisp | Good | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | | |
| Red Regent | Early Oct. | Late | Another Apple | 4 | Tart | Crisp | Excellent | Good | Good | Good | Very Good | | |
| SnowSweet | Late Sept. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Tender | Good | Fair | Fair | Good | Fair | | |
| State Fair | Mid/Late Aug | Early | Another Apple | 3 | Tart | Juicy | Good | Good | Good | Good | Poor | | |
| Winecrisp | Early/Mid Oct. | Mid | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Juicy | Good | Excellent | Very Good | Excellent | Excellent | | |
| Yellow Transparent | Late Jul/Early Sept. | Early | Another Apple | 3 | Tart | Crisp | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Poor | | |
| Zestar! | Late Aug. | Early | Another Apple | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Excellent | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | | |
| Crabapple | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chestnut | Late Aug. | Early | Self-fruitful | 3 | Sweet | Crisp | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Excellent | Excellent | | |
| Dolgo | Late Aug. | Early | Self-fruitful | 2 | Tart | Crisp | Poor | Excellent | Very Good | Very Good | Fair | | |
| Plum | | | | | | | | Preserves | | Fruit Size | | | |
| American, wild | August | Late April | Pollinator | 3 | Sweet | Juicy | Good | Jam/Jelly | Very Good | Small | Poor | | |
| Alderman | Late Aug. | Late April | Superior/Toka | | Sweet | Soft | Excellent | Jelly | Good | Large -2.5" | Fair | | |
| Lacrescent | Early August | Late April | Toka | 4 | Sweet | Juicy | Excellent | Jam | Very Good | Medium | Poor | | |
| Mt. Royal | Late Aug. | Early May | Self-fruitful | 4 | Sweet | Firm | Very Good | Drying | Very Good | Medium | Poor | | |
| Pipestone | Late Aug. | Late April | Toka/American | 3 | Sweet | Juicy | Good | Jam/Jelly | Very Good | Medium | Poor | | |
| Prairie Red | Early Sept. | Early May | Self-fruitful | | Sweet | Juicy | Good | Jelly | Very Good | 1-2" | Poor | | |
| Superior | Late Aug. | Late April | Toka/American | 4 | Sweet | Juicy | Excellent | Jam/Jelly | Very Good | Large | Poor | | |
| Toka | Mid Aug. | Late April | Pollinator | 3 | Sweet | Juicy | Excellent | Jam/Jelly | Very Good | Small | Poor | | |
| Cherry | | | | | | | | Cooking | | Canning | | Baking | |
| Evans Bali | August | Early May | Self-fruitful | 3 | Tart | Juicy | Excellent | Very Good | Very Good | Excellent | Poor | | |
| Mesabi | Early July | Early May | Self-fruitful | 4 | Tart | Juicy | Fair | Excellent | Very Good | Excellent | Poor | | |
| Meteor | Early July | Early May | Self-fruitful | 4 | Tart | Juicy | Fair | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Poor | | |
| North Star | Late June | Early May | Self-fruitful | 4 | Tart | Juicy | Fair | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Poor | | |
| Sweet Cherry Pie® | Mid July | Early May | Self-fruitful | 3 | S/Tart | Juicy | Fair | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Good | | |
| Wild Black Cherry | July | Apr/May | Self-fruitful | 4 | S/Tart | Juicy | Fair | Fair | Fair | Fair | Poor | | |
| Pear | | | | | | | | Canning | | Baking | | | |
| Early Gold | Early August | Early May | Another Pear | 2 | Sweet | Juicy | Good | Good | Good | Good | Fair | | |
| Golden Spice | Sept. | Early May | Use Ure | 3 | Tart | Crisp | Fair | Poor | Very Good | Poor | Very Good | | |
| Parker | Mid Aug. | Early May | Another Pear | 4 | Sweet | Tender | Very Good | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Very Good | | |
| Patten | Sept. | Mid-Spring | Pollinator | | Sweet | Tender | Excellent | Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | | |
| Summercrisp | Mid Aug. | Early May | Use Parker | 4 | Sweet | Crisp | Very Good | Fair | Poor | Fair | Good | | |
| Ure | Mid Aug. | Early May | Use Golden Spice | 3 | Sweet | Juicy | Very Good | Good | Very Good | Good | Poor | | |

Protect your fruit trees from bark damage by mice, rabbits, and deer by installing an inexpensive white plastic trunk protector.



Apple Tree Information:

Cross Pollination

Apple trees are not self-fertile. At least two different varieties should be used in each apple planting to serve as a source of pollen for the other variety to get the best fruit set. Cross-pollination is possible only when different varieties bloom at approximately the same time. Length of bloom is usually 7 to 15 days. Early bloomers should be planted with early or midseason bloomers. Late bloomers would be planted with late or midseason bloomers, so there is overlap of bloom times. For the best pollination, apple trees should be within 100 feet or less of each other. Wind does not carry pollen from one apple tree to another. Consequently, **bees are indispensable in an orchard.** Crabapples like Dolgo and Chestnut are often used to pollinate apple trees because they are such strong pollinators. Ornamental/flowering crabs will not suffice.

Apple Rootstocks

Standard (Std)

Standard rootstock will produce full-sized trees. In rich soil a standard tree may grow to a height of 20-25' and a width of 25' at full maturity. Standard trees will generally begin bearing 5-8 years after planting.

Semi-Dwarf (S-M7 - Malling 7A)

A semi-dwarf apple tree will grow to 12-15' tall and 14' wide at maturity. Semi-dwarf trees begin to produce fruit at an earlier age, usually 4-5 years after planting. This is our most popular rootstock and we carry primarily semi-dwarf apple trees.

Dwarfing Rootstocks

Dwarf apple trees grow to 9-12' tall and 10' wide at maturity. Dwarf trees begin to produce fruit at an earlier age, usually 3-4 years after planting.

Dwarfing rootstocks will only reduce the size of the tree – not the size of the fruit. Dwarf trees are easier to

prune, spray and harvest. Never plant grafted trees with the graft below ground level to avoid rot and/or scion-rooting causing the loss of dwarfing characteristics.

Plum Tree Information:

Most plum varieties are crosses between Japanese and American plums. While this creates hardy and delicious fruit it also creates a nearly sterile tree. Unlike apples, just having two different plum varieties flowering simultaneously will not insure proper cross-pollination. Use Toka or our native, American Plum as pollinators for other plum trees. European, Native, or Prune type plums (American or Mt. Royal) are generally self-fruitful/self-pollinating. All of our plum trees are grown on standard *Prunus americana* (American Plum) rootstock and average 12' in height when mature.

Pear Tree Information:

Cross Pollination

Most pears require a pollinator. Most pears bloom in May (at the same time) and are suitable pollinators. With small amounts of nectar and low sugar content, pears require more pollinators and bees than any other fruit.

Pear Rootstocks

Standard (Std)

Standard Pears are on *Pyrus ussuriensis* root stock and grow to a mature height of about 25'.

Semi-dwarf (S-333)

A semi-dwarf pear in budded on Oldhome x Farmingdale 333 rootstock and grows to a mature height of about 15'. (Not commonly available)

Cherry Tree Information:

Cherry trees are self-fruitful. You do not need more than one tree to produce fruit. Cherry trees grow to approximately 10-12' Tall and about 6-8' Wide. Cherries bloom in early May. Ripening dates vary by variety but most ripen around July. Most of the varieties we carry are tart cherries, best suited to making pies, preserves and sauce. Evans Bali is the variety we have that is best for fresh eating.

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