

HOME FRUIT VARIETY RECOMMENDATIONS - 2000

The following table lists home fruit varieties that are recommended for Kentucky. Several of these are identified as minimal pesticide (MP) varieties, which will usually mature their fruit with fewer pesticide applications. Most other fruit types require a regular pest control program.

TABLE 1. RECOMMENDED HOME FRUIT VARIETIES

ALMONDS				
Hardy	Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost			
APPLES				
(All varieties are listed in order of ripening, plant two varieties for pollination)				
Variety	Avg. Ripening Date, Central KY ¹	Skin Color	Use	Remarks
Lodi (MP)	July 1	Yellow	Sauce & Freezing	Has replaced old yellow transplant
Pristine (MP)	July 14	Yellow	All	Scab, cedar apple rust and fire blight resistant; possible replacement for Lodi
Redfree (MP)	July 25	Red	All	Very resistant to scab and cedar apple rust
Ginger Gold	Aug. 1	Yellow	All	Large fruit, fine grained flesh, does not russet and stores well
Mollies Delicious	Aug. 10	Red	All	Large, firm excellent quality, fire blight susceptible
Dayton (MP)	Aug. 10	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, moderately resistant to powdery mildew and fire blight
Big Red Gala	Aug 22	Red	All	Excellent quality, fire blight susceptible
Gala	Aug 25	Red	All	Excellent quality, very fire blight susceptible
Liberty (MP)	Aug. 31	Red	All	Very resistant to scab and cedar apple rust, resistant to powdery mildew and fire blight
Cortland	Sept. 1	Red	All	Dependable producer; white flesh, McIntosh type
Freedom (MP)	Sept. 2	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, resistant to fire blight, moderately resistant to powdery mildew and susceptible to cedar apple rust
Ruby Jon	Sept 5	Red	All	Jonathan type; excellent red color, found in KY, fire blight susceptible
Jonafree (MP)	Sept. 5	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, resistant to fire blight and cedar apple rust

Grimes Golden	Sept. 5	Yellow	All	Splendid all around apple, but does not keep well
Priscilla (MP)	Sept. 5	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, resistant to cedar apple rust and fire blight
Golden Delicious	Sept. 10	Yellow	All	Dependable producer
Jonagold	Sept. 15	Red	All	Excellent quality, triploid and will not pollinate other varieties; Jonathan X Golden Delicious
Empire	Sept. 20	Red	All	McIntosh type, blooms early, frost prone
Suncrisp	Sept. 20	Yellow	All	Excellent quality and flavor, a long keeper
Melrose or Melred	Sept. 20	Red	All	A replacement for Stayman
Mutsu or Crispin ²	Sept. 25	Yellow	All	Heavy producer; triploid and will not pollinate other varieties, stores well
Rome	Sept. 25	Red	Cooking	A long keeper; blooms late & avoids frost, fire blight susceptible
Blushing Golden	Sept 25	Yellow	All	Firm, smooth finish, good quality
Red Fuji	Sept 25	Red	All	A long keeper, excellent crisp, sweet apple
Enterprise (MP)	Oct. 1	Red	All	Very resistant to scab and moderately resistant to cedar apple rust, powdery mildew and fire blight
Goldrush (MP)	Oct. 10	Yellow	All	Very resistant to scab, resistant to fire blight, moderately resistant to powdery mildew, susceptible to cedar apple rust and black rot; stores very well
Granny Smith	Oct. 25	Green	Dessert	A long keeper

¹Ripening dates are generally a week earlier in Western Kentucky and a week later in Eastern Kentucky

²Susceptible to bacterial blight of fruit lenticels

APRICOTS	Not recommended because they bloom to early and flowers are killed by frost
APRIUM (Apricot X Plum)	Not recommended because they bloom to early and flowers are killed by frost
BLACKBERRIES (MP)	
Erect	Thornless - Arapaho, Apache Thorny - Shawnee (for warmer sites), Chickasaw (for trial), Cherokee (for warmer sites), Kiowa, Cheyenne (for warmer sites)
Semi-erect	Thornless - Hull Thornless, Triple Crown, Chester
BLUEBERRIES (MP)	
	Sunrise, Earliblue, Duke, Blueray, Bluecrop, Bluejay, Berkeley, Darrow, Elliott
CHERRIES, TART (MP)	North Star & Montmorency (pie or tart cherry)

CHERRIES, SWEET	Do not survive well
CURRANTS (MP)	
Black	Crandall
Red	Red Lake (self fruitful), Rovada
White	Primus
ELDERBERRIES (MP)	Johns, Adams #1, Nova, York (need 2 varieties for pollination)
FIGS (MP)	Celeste (for container growing only)
GOOSEBERRIES (MP)	Poorman, Pixwell (self fruitful), Hinnomaki Red, Invicta
GRAPES	(Not Generally Suitable for Minimal Pesticide Gardening)
AMERICAN AND FRENCH HYBRIDS FOR FRESH CONSUMPTION	
Black	Buffalo, Steuben, Fredonia, Concord, Sunbelt
White	Niagara, Villard Blanc
Red	Delaware, Alden, Catawba
White Seedless	Marquis
Black Seedless	Mars (some resistance to black rot), Jupiter (for trial), Glenora
Red Seedless	Reliance
FRENCH HYBRIDS (FOR WINE)	
White	Seyval Blanc, Vignoles, Vidal Blanc, Villard Blanc
Black	Foch, Baco Noir, Chancellor, Villard Noir
EUROPEAN (VINIFERA)	Not well adapted to Kentucky growing conditions
HARDY KIWI	not recommended, it is different from the commercial kiwi
JUJUBE (CHINESE DATE) (MP)	Western KY only - Li, Lang, Cherwood Akins (partially self fruitful)
PAWPAW (MP)	Davis, Middletown, NC-1, Overleese, PA Golden, Prolific, Sue, Sunflower, Sweet Alice, Taylor, Taytwo, Wells, Wilson, Zimmerman

PEACHES/NECTARINES							
Variety	Ripening (weeks before or after Redhaven) ¹	Flesh Color	Cling or Freestone	Bud Hardiness	Use fresh (1) Freeze (2) Canning (3)	Harvest Characteristic	Resistance to Flesh Browning
Harbinger	-5-6	Yellow	Cling	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	Med.
Derby	-3-4	Yellow	Semi-Free				
Harbelle	-3-4	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	Good
Harken	with Redhaven	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	V. Good
Redhaven		Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	V. Good
Reliance	with Redhaven	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1	Drops	Med.
Harko nectarine	+1-2	Yellow	Semi-Free	V. Hardy	1	Hangs Well	
Cresthaven	+3-4	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	Good
Madison	+3-4	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2-3	Drops	Good
Belle of Georgia	+3-4	White	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2	Drops	Bad
Red Gold nectarine	+3-4	Yellow	Freestone	Hardy	1	Hangs Well	Med.
Redskin	+5-6	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	Good
Biscoe	+5-6	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2-3	Hangs Well	
Stark Encore	+8	Yellow	Freestone	Hardy		Hangs Well	

¹Redhaven ripens around July 25 in western Kentucky and August 5 in eastern Kentucky.

PEARS (Not Generally Suitable for Minimal Pesticide Gardening)		
ASIAN PEARS		
Variety	Ripening	Pollinator

Chojuro	Early August	Korean Giant
Niitaka	Mid- August	Korean Giant, Chojuro
Korean Giant Olympic or Starking Hardy Giant	Late September	Chojuro
EUROPEAN PEARS¹		
Variety	Ripening	Pollinator
Summercrisp	Late July	Any other European pear ²
Harvest Queen	Mid-August	Any other European pear ²
Honeysweet	Late August	Any other European pear ²
Maxine	Late August	Any other European pear ²
Starking Delicious	Late August	Any other European pear ²
Potomac	Early September	Any other European pear ²
Magness ²	Early September	Korean Giant, Potomac, Honeysweet
Seckel	Early September	Any other European pear ²
Kieffer ³	Late September	Any other European pear ²
PLUOT (Plum X Apricot)	Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost	
PLUMS		
Variety	Ripening	Plum Type, Pollinator
Shiro	Early July	Japanese type, Ozark Premier
Earliblue	July	European type, Any other European type
Ozark Premier	July	Japanese type, Shiro
Demontfort	Early August	European type, Any other European type
Mt. Royal	Mid August	European type, Self fruitful
Damson	August	European type, Any other European type
Stanley	Late August	European type, Self fruitful
Seneca	Late August	European type, Any other European type
¹ Don't plant Bartlett pears. Plant only blight resistant varieties. ² Magness can not be depended on to pollinate other pear varieties ³ Kieffer also has fire blight resistance but has many stone or grit cells.		

PERSIMMONS (MP)	
American	Early Golden, John Rick, Morris Burton, Yates
Oriental	Not hardy in Kentucky
RASPBERRIES (MP)	

Black	Bristol, Jewel, Haut
Red	Redwing (fall bearing), Autumn Bliss (fall bearing), Heritage (fall bearing)
Purple	Royalty
Yellow	Fall Gold (fall bearing)
QUINCE	Not recommended due to fireblight susceptibility
STRAWBERRIES (MP)	
June Bearing	Earliglow, DelMarvel, Redchief, Guardian, Allstar, Jewel, Darrow
Everbearing	Tristar, Tribute