



# HOME FRUIT VARIETY RECOMMENDATIONS - 2019

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The following table contains home fruit varieties recommended for Kentucky listed in order of ripening. Ripening dates are generally a week earlier in Western Kentucky and a week later in Eastern Kentucky. For some fruit types the ripening date can vary by as much as a month between seasons. Several of these are identified as minimal pesticide (MP) varieties, which will usually mature their fruit with fewer pesticide applications. Most tree fruit and grape species require a regular pest control program.

<b>ALMOND</b>	(Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost)			
<b>APPLE</b>	(Plant two varieties for pollination.)			
Variety	Avg. Ripening Date, Central KY	Skin Color	Use	Remarks
Lodi	Jul 1	Yellow	Sauce & Freezing	Has replaced Yellow Transplant
Pristine (MP)	Jul 10	Yellow	All	Scab and powdery mildew resistant, susceptible to cedar apple rust and fire blight; possible replacement for Lodi
Ginger Gold	Aug 1	Yellow	All	Large fruit, fine grained flesh, does not russet and stores well, fire blight susceptible
Redfree (MP)	Aug 5	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, cedar apple rust, sooty blotch and flyspeck, susceptible to fire blight and powdery mildew
Mollies Delicious	Aug 10	Red	All	Large, firm excellent quality, fire blight susceptible
Zestar!	Aug 10	Red	All	Crisp, juicy and tart
RubyMac	Aug 25	Red	Fresh & Sauce	High coloring strain of McIntosh
Gala	Aug 25	Red	All	Excellent quality, very fire blight susceptible

Honeycrisp	Aug 25	Red	All	Not recommended, very difficult to grow in Kentucky
Liberty (MP)	Sept 5	Red	All	Resistant to scab, cedar apple rust, and fire blight, susceptible to powdery mildew, tart
Cortland	Sept 5	Red	All	Dependable producer; white flesh, McIntosh type; select a red strain
Baker's Delight™	Sept 5	Red	All	Dependable producer, effervescent tropical taste, long harvest period, excellent for baking
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 and powdery mildew, susceptible to fire blight and cedar apple rust
Spartan (MP)	Sept 5	Red	All	Resistant to scab, cedar apple rust, fire blight and powdery mildew, McIntosh type, shorter storage life
Pixie Crunch (MP)	Sept 5	Red	Fresh	Very resistant to scab, small sweet crisp apple that can be harvested for a month
Golden Delicious	Sept 15	Yellow	All	Dependable producer
Grimes Golden (MP)	Sept 15	Yellow	All	Resistant to cedar apple rust, fire blight, splendid all around apple
Crimson Crisp (MP)	Sept 15	Red	All	Very resistant to scab, susceptible to cedar apple rust, fire blight and powdery mildew
Jonagold	Sept 15	Red	All	Excellent quality, triploid and will not pollinate other varieties
Crunch-A-Bunch™(MP)	Sept 15	Yellow	All	Resistant to scab and fire blight, sweet tart flavor, crisp, excellent storage
Empire	Sept 15	Red	All	McIntosh type, blooms early, frost prone
Melrose/Melrouge	Sept 20	Red	All	A replacement for Stayman
Mutsu or Crispin	Sept 25	Yellow	All	Susceptible to blister spot; Heavy producer; triploid and will not pollinate other varieties, stores well
Law Rome	Sept 25	Red	Cooking	Blooms late & avoids frost, fire blight susceptible
Blushing Golden	Sept 25	Yellow	All	Firm, smooth finish, good quality
Red Fuji	Oct 5	Red	All	A long keeper, excellent crisp, sweet apple, fire blight susceptible
Suncrisp	Oct 5	Yellow	All	Excellent quality and flavor, a long keeper
Florina or Querina (MP)	Oct 5	Red	All	Scab resistant moderately resistant to powdery mildew, susceptible to cedar apple rust

Nova Spy (MP)	Oct 5	Red	All	Scab resistant
Enterprise (MP)	Oct 10	Red	All	Very resistant to scab and cedar apple rust, moderately resistant to powdery mildew and fire blight
WineCrisp (MP)	Oct 10	Dark Red	All	Very resistant to scab and fire blight, moderately resistant to powdery mildew, and cedar apple rust, excellent storage
Sundance (MP)	Oct 25	Yellow	All	Very resistant to scab, cedar apple rust, fire blight, and powdery mildew
Granny Smith	Oct 25	Green	All	Difficult to grow, a long keeper, very susceptible to fire blight
GoldRush (MP)	Oct 25	Yellow	All	Very resistant to scab, resistant to fire blight, moderately resistant to powdery mildew, susceptible to cedar apple rust and black rot; best variety for long term storage
<b>APRICOT</b>	(Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost)			
<b>APRIUM (Apricot X Plum)</b>	(Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost)			
<b>ARONIA/BLACK CHOKEBERRY</b>	Nero, Viking, McKenzie			
<b>BLACKBERRY (MP)</b>				
Erect	Thornless - Natchez, Apache, Osage, Ouachita (Apache susceptible to white druplet disorder) Thorny - Chickasaw, Kiowa			
Semi-erect	Thornless - Triple Crown, susceptible to spotted wing drosophila			
Primocane Fruiting	Thornless - Prime-Ark® Traveler, Stark® Black Gem®, fall crop is susceptible to spotted wing drosophila			
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<b>BLUEBERRY (MP)</b>	Duke, Patriot, Bluejay, Bluecrop, Draper, Chandler, Brigitta, Bluegold, Ozarkblue, Nelson, Darrow, Elliott, Aurora (Plant 2 varieties to ensure good pollination)			
<b>CHERRY, TART (MP)</b>	Jubileum, Montmorency, North Star, Balaton			
<b>CHERRY, SWEET</b>	(Do not survive well) Black Gold, Hedelfingen, Lapins, Starkrimson, Sweetheart (All but Hedelfingen are self-fertile)			
<b>CURRANT (MP)</b>				
Black	Titania, Consort, Crandall (Clove currant) (All resistant to white pine blister rust)			
Red	Jonkheer van Tets, Rovada			

White	(Very susceptible to powdery mildew and difficult to keep alive)
<b>ELDERBERRY (MP)</b>	Ranch, Adams II, Bob Gordon, Wyldewood (Need 2 varieties for pollination)
<b>FIG (MP)</b>	Celeste (for container growing only), Chicago Hardy
<b>GOOSEBERRY (MP)</b>	Amish Red, Poorman, Hinnomaki Red
<b>GRAPE</b>	(Not Generally Suitable for Minimal Pesticide Gardening)
<b>AMERICAN AND FRENCH HYBRID FOR FRESH CONSUMPTION</b>	
Blue	Buffalo, Steuben, Sunbelt (Concord has uneven ripening problems in KY)
White	Edelweiss, Diamond, Niagara, Golden Muscat
Red	Catawba
White Seedless	Marquis <sup>1</sup> , Neptune
Blue Seedless	Jupiter, Mars, Everest Seedless, (Mars has some black rot resistance)
Red Seedless	Vanessa
<b>AMERICAN (FOR WINE)</b>	
Blue	Norton/Cynthiana
White	Diamond, Niagara
<b>FRENCH HYBRID (FOR WINE)</b>	
Blue	Chambourcin
White	Edelweiss, Golden Muscat, Cayuga White, Villard Blanc, Vidal Blanc <sup>1</sup>
<b>EUROPEAN (VINIFERA)</b>	Not well adapted to Kentucky growing conditions
<sup>1</sup> Very susceptible to downy mildew	
<b>HASKAP</b>	Early Blue, Sunrise
<b>HARDY KIWI</b>	Not recommended. (These are different from the commercial kiwi variety, Hayward)
<b>HONEYBERRY</b>	See Haskap section, Haskap fruit are better adapted to Kentucky and sweeter.
<b>JUJUBE (CHINESE DATE) (MP)</b>	Sugar Cane, Honey Jar, Lang, So (Trees have small thorns)
<b>PAWPAW (MP)</b>	KSU-Benson™, PA Golden, Wabash, Sue, Overleese, Potomac, Sunflower, Susquehanna, KSU-Chappell™, Tallahatchie, NC-1, KSU-Atwood™, Shenandoah (Need 2 varieties for pollination)

<b>PEACH/NECTARINE</b>							
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Ripeing (week before or after Redhaven)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Flesh Color</b>	<b>Cling or Freestone</b>	<b>Bud Hardiness</b>	<b>Usage: Fresh (1) Freeze (2) Canning(3)</b>	<b>Bacterial Spot Resitance</b>	<b>Resistance to Flesh Browning</b>
Desiree	- 3 to 4	Yellow	Semi-Free	M. Hardy	1	V. Good	
Flaming Fury PF-5D Big	-3 to 4	Yellow	Semi-Free	M. Hardy	1	Good	
Harrow Diamond	- 2 to 3	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2	Good	
Brigantine™ nectarine	-1	Yellow	Semi-Free	M. Hardy	1	V. Good	
Evelynn™		Yellow	Free	M. Hardy	1	Good	
Redhaven		Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Good	V. Good
White Lady	+1	White	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2	V. Good	Good
Ernie's Choice	+ 2	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2	Good	
Coralstar	+ 2 to 3	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Good	V. Good
Cresthaven	+ 3 to 4	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Good	Good
Madison	+ 3 to 4	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2-3	V. Good	Good
Contender	+ 3 to 4	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2	V. Good	Good
Redgold nectarine	+ 3 to 4	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1	Poor	Med.
Fantasia nectarine	+ 3 to 4	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1	Good	
Blushingstar	+ 3 to 4	White	Freestone	V. Hardy	1-2	V. Good	V. Good
Redskin	+ 5 to 6	Yellow	Freestone	M. Hardy	1-2-3	Good	Good
Encore	+ 8	Yellow	Freestone	V. Hardy	1	V. Good	

<sup>1</sup>Redhaven ripens around July 25 in western Kentucky and August 5 in eastern

<b>PEARS (Not Generally Suitable for Minimal Pesticide Gardening)</b>		
<b>ASIAN PEAR</b>		
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Ripening</b>	<b>Pollinizer/Comments</b>
Niitaka	Mid-August	Korean Giant
Meigetsu	Late September	Any other Asian pear
Shinko	Late September	Any other Asian pear, fire blight tolerant
Korean Giant Olympic or Starking Hardy Giant	Early October	Any other Asian pear, fire blight tolerant
<b>EUROPEAN PEAR<sup>1</sup> (Fire blight resistant varieties)</b>		
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Ripening</b>	<b>Pollinizer</b>
Summercrisp	Late July	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Harvest Queen	Mid-August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Sunrise	Mid-August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Honeysweet	Late August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Blake's Pride	Late August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Seckel	Late August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Potomac	Late August	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Magness <sup>2</sup>	Early September	Korean Giant, Potomac, Honeysweet
Shenandoah	Early September	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
Kieffer <sup>3</sup>	Early October	Any other European pear <sup>2</sup>
<sup>1</sup> Don't plant Bartlett pears. Plant only blight resistant varieties. <sup>2</sup> Magness can not be depended on to pollinate other pear varieties and is not a heavy producer. <sup>3</sup> Kieffer is an heirloom, productive, easily grown variety with many stone or grit cells. Excellent for canning.		
<b>PERSIMMONS (MP)</b>		
American	Early Jewel (H-118), Early Golden, Prok, Lehman's Delight (100-46), Morris Burton, Valeene Beauty, Evelyn, Celebrity	
American X Oriental	Kasandra, Nikita's Gift, Rosseyanka or Russian Beauty	
Oriental/Asian	Most varieties not hardy in Kentucky	
<b>PLUOT (Plum X Apricot)</b>	(Not recommended because they bloom too early and flowers are killed by frost)	

<b>PLUM EUROPEAN</b>		
<b>Variety</b>	<b>Ripening</b>	<b>Pollinator/Comments</b>
Castleton	Early August	On Marianna 26-24 rootstock, Any other European type
Long John	Mid-August	Any other European type, large prune-type
Bluebyrd	Mid-August	Any other European type, resistant to black knot
NY9	Late August	Self-fruitful prune-type more disease resistant than Stanley
Stanley	Late August	Self-fruitful prune-type, susceptible to black knot
<b>PLUM JAPANESE/ASIAN</b>	(Very frost susceptible, only for exceptional sites)	
Shiro	Early July	Ruby Queen, juicy yellow plum
Ruby Queen	Late August	Shiro, moderately resistant to bacterial spot and bacterial canker
<b>RASPBERRY (MP)</b>		
Black June bearing	Bristol, Jewel, Mac Black	
Red June bearing	Prelude, TulaMagic, Encore (Later ripening Encore fruit may have Spotted wing drosophila problems)	
Red fall bearing	Joan J, Caroline, Himbo-Top	Not recommended due to Spotted wing drosophila problems
Purple June bearing	Royalty	
Yellow Fall bearing	Double Gold, Anne	Not recommended due to Spotted wing drosophila problems
<b>QUINCE</b>	(Not recommended due to fire blight susceptibility)	
<b>STRAWBERRY (MP)</b>		
June Bearing	Earliglow, Galletta, Flavorfest, Allstar, Jewel, AC Valley Sunset	
Everbearing	Seascape, Albion, Tribute	Not recommended due to Spotted wing drosophila problems