



# Fruit Trees 2019

Every yard should have a fruit tree or two. Fresh picked fruit is a tasty treat and is relatively easy to grow. Select a site with full sun and that you can get water to easily.

Hardiness varies widely and is noted with each selection. There are no techniques that can be used to increase hardiness. Both the severity and variability of Montana winters can cause damage in any given year. We recommend maintaining fruiting trees in the best possible health to reduce the odds of winterkill.

Most fruit trees require cross-pollination for fruit production to occur. We have noted necessary requirements and recommended appropriate pollinators. Please read these sections carefully as successful fruit production will not occur or will be spotty without correct cross-pollination.

## **Apples** All apple trees are \$ 44.99 each.

**MALUS:** (Apple) Two varieties are always needed for cross-pollination. Cross-pollination is possible only when varieties bloom at approximately the same time, see the list at the end for bloom times. Many of our selections are grafted on semi-dwarf rootstock resulting in about a 15' tree. These semi-dwarf varieties will fruit earlier than standard rootstock types, often bearing within 4-5 years compared to 7-10 for many standard types. Varieties marked as grafted on standard rootstock will grow to approximately 25'.

**Goodland - Zone 3, standard.** Color is red over creamy green, the flesh is crisp and juicy. Good for eating, baking & short storage life.

**Gravenstein- Zone 4, standard.** It's crisp, tart, and very juicy, with just a touch of honey flavor to mellow it out. The fruit is delicious right off the tree and also good for baking and applesauce. Short self life.

**Honeycrisp - Zone 4. semi-dwarf.** Sweet, exceptionally crisp and juicy, this red fruit stores well, up to 7 months. **Honeygold – Zone 4. semi-dwarf.** Similar to *Golden Delicious* but hardier. Crisp, juicy, & sweet large yellow apple. Good for eating & cooking. Medium Storage Life.

**Macoun – Zone 4, semi-dwarf.** Crossed with a McIntosh and Jersey Black. Very Sweet, Juicy, Aromatic Flavor. Excellent for desert, sauces.

**Norland – Zone 2, standard.** Ripens very early & well suited for very cold areas plus it is very hardy. Good for eating and cooking, stores well if picked before fully ripe.

**Red Duchess – Zone 3. standard.** Very hardy, medium to large red fruit. Tart & Juicy. Good for eating, but best for pies and sauces. Short storage life.

**Wealthy- Zone 3b, semi-dwarf.** First Striped red fruit with a tart balanced flavor. Multipurpose apple but especially good for cooking. Often bears fruit the first year. Keeps well.

**Yellow Transparent – Zone 4, standard.** Heavy producer, the greenish apples are best for pies. Scab resistant.

## Apple recommendations for pollination:

### **Early season bloomers:** (in order of bloom)

Gravenstein, Yellow Transparent, Norland, Red Duchess, Wealthy

### **Mid-Season bloomers:** (in order of bloom)

Macoun, Goodland, Honey Crisp, Honey Gold

## **Apricots All apricots are \$54.99**

**PRUNUS:** (Apricot) varieties we offer are grafted on Standard rootstock, their mature size under 20'. The varieties we offer pollinate each other well.

**Scout - Zone 3, semi-dwarf.** Cultivar developed in Morden, Manitoba in 1937. Fruit is bronze gold, blushed with red. Good for canning and jam, fair for eating. Blooms in early May. Self-fertile produces more fruit with a pollinator. Height 10-15 ft.

**Pioneer Chinese - Zone 4, standard.** Golden yellow fruits have a reddish blush and are sweet, firm and juicy. Self-fertile however yields improve with cross pollination.

**Sungold - Zone 4, semi-dwarf.** Bright, clear gold, 1.25" fruit. Flavor is mild, sweet. Good eating and good jam variety. Blooms in late April. Pollinate with 'Moongold' Height 10-15 ft.

## **Cherries All cherry trees are \$ 49.99**

**PRUNUS:** (Cherry) These are rewarding to growth for both their sweet blossoms and delicious fruit. They vary widely for hardiness. You may need to protect your crop from birds because they can be greedy and beat you to it. **Standard Trees**

**Montmorency Pie – Zone 4** A tart cherry for pies or preserves. These are small trees to start and at maturity, they will reach 15' by 15' wide. Self-fertile and highly productive.

**Evans Bali Semi Sweet – Zone 3** Sweet-tart cherry with fruit 1" in diameter. Fruit is much sweeter than other sour cherries. A self-fertile variety and very cold hardy.

**Stella – Zone 4.** An old standby sweet cherry, it is self-fertile and has black skin and flesh.

## **Peaches All peaches are \$ 54.99**

**PRUNUS:** (Peach) Peaches are best suited to sites along Flathead Lake as they are only hardy to Zone 5 and can be marginal in any given winter.

**Bailey Hardy - Zone 5, Semi-dwarf.** A very hardy peach that produces small, white-fleshed, freestone fruits. Very productive and tolerant to cold winter temperatures. Fruit will hang on the tree for extended periods without fruit drop.

## **Pears All pears are \$49.99**

**PYRUS:** (Pear) Pears can live to be old trees and these are standard and semi dwarf selections that will stay under 15'. They are upright growers. Occasionally may drop significant fruit prior to harvest. These varieties will pollinate each other so you must plant two trees.

**Golden Spice – Zone 3, standard** 1.75" fruit are medium yellow, lightly blushed with dull red. Ripen mid-season. Good for canning and spicing, fair for eating. Use *Ure'* as a pollinator.

**Parker Pear - Zone 3, Semi-dwarf** Large, yellow bronze fruit. Fine grained, tender and juicy. Upright and vigorous grower.

## **Plums All plums are \$44.99**

**PRUNUS:** (Plum) Relatively easy to grow, fresh plums are a real treat. Some need pollinators, some do not.

**Black Ice – Zone 3, standard** Is a cross between a cherry plum and a conventional Japanese dessert plum. Large fruit, winter hardiness, early ripening date. Pollinate with Toka.

**Mount Royal – Zone 4, standard.** Self fertile selection and it can also be used as a pollinator. This is a European Plum, small, egg shaped and purple to blue. Good for fresh eating, better for preserves and cooking. Freestone. Grafted on dwarf rootstock, stays under 12' high and wide. **Self-fruitful.**

**Alderman – Zone 4, standard.** Burgundy red, Japanese Plum. Excellent fresh or for preserves, soft and sweet. Bears fruit the second season after planting. Fruit is of large size. . Pollinate with Toka.

**Toka – Zone 3, standard.** Medium sized red, richly flavored variety with beautiful apricot color. **Self-fruitful.**

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