

## FRUIT TIPS & INFO

### BLUEBERRIES

**Requires another variety to ensure good pollination & fruit set. (All are rabbit eye types with good foliage).**

**Tifblue** – Medium to large light blue berries. Ripen early to mid-season (mid-June).

**Powderblue** – has reliable crops of large, light blue berries because of its spring frost resistance. Berries are crack resistant and hold a sweet flavor. Shrub is vigorous and upright. Ripens mid-late season.

**Premier** - crops are produced with the distinctive powdery blue color on the large firm berries. The flavor is excellent, and the berries store well. Plant growth is vigorous and upright. Ripens early-mid season.

**Climax** - Savor loads of large, sweet, early ripening blueberries! Upright growth. Great on cereals or used for baking.

**Pink Lemonade** - firm, juicy, sweet, flavor. Early to mid -season ripening (peaks in summer and may continue producing through October depending upon location, climate, and weather). Berries will turn pink when they're ready to be picked. Pair with another blueberry.

### STRAWBERRIES

**Self-fertile: does not require another variety to pollinate.**

**Albion** – (Ever bearing) produces X-large fruit that is very firm and red. Needs strong water and nutrient program to achieve its high yield potential.

**Earliglow** – (early bearing) Glossy, firm, medium-sized fruit are highly sweet, perfect fresh eating, jams and freezing. Very vigorous & plenty of runners make it great for homeowners. Resistant to red stele, leaf diseases and Verticillium wilt.

**Allstar** – (mid-season). Great strawberry for beginners. Produces large, firm berries with good flavor. Good disease resistance.

### BLACKBERRIES

**Self-fertile: does not require another variety to pollinate.**

**Natchez** – Early, thornless variety with large, sweet berries. Faithful producer and disease resistant.

**Chester** – Huge yields of large, sweet berries. Cold hardy, cane blight resistant, and thornless. Fruit comes on last year's growth in July.

### PAWPAW

This tree produces large, tropical, custard-like fruit. Fruit texture is firm with a blend of flavors; described as tasting like an intense banana pudding with a hint of mango! Pleasant aroma when ripening. Prefers good soil, drainage, and wind protection. Harvest from Sept - Oct. Matures at 20ft tall.

### ASIAN PEARS

**Plant with another Asian variety to ensure good pollination.**

**Hosui** – Matures in late August. Fruit finishes with orange-brown russet. Mild in flavor, sweet and juicy.

**Yoinashi** – Matures mid-September. Brown russet variety. Fruit is large, firm, crisp, & juicy.

### APPLES

**All on dwarfing rootstocks with good resistance to fire blight. Requires another variety to ensure pollination.**

**Gala (Simmons cv.)** – Dark red strain of Gala and similar in size and texture. Upright and vigorous tree habit. Harvest early to mid- September. Great for fresh eating, salads, applesauce, & cider.

**Grimes Golden** – Old favorite, suitable for fresh use, cider, and cooking. Medium in vigor, productive and excellent pollenizer. Harvest early to mid-October.

**Arkansas Black** – Very late maturing Winesap- type. Harvest mid-November. Dark red, very firm, tart flavor. Great for cider.

### MUSCADINES

**Self-fertile- does not require another variety to pollinate.**

**Lane** – Black variety with medium to large fruit. Very sweet. Ripens early. Great for fresh eating.

**Tara** – Bronze variety with large fruit, ripening early to mid season. Disease resistant, great pollinator, and perfect for eating, jellies, juice, and white wine.

### CHERRY

**Royal Crimson** (self –fertile)- sweet red cherry with low chilling hours (meaning it will work better for our warmer climate)

\*multiples are suggested for better pollination

### BUNCH GRAPES

**Concord Seedless** (self –fertile)- sweet flavor, excellent variety for pies, jellies, jams, juice and fresh eating

### EUROPEAN PEARS

**Potomac** – Fruit is moderate size and texture. Tree is moderately vigorous and resistant to fire blight. Pleasing flavor.

**Seckel** – small pear with yellow/brown skin when fully ripe. One of the best quality dessert pears. Ideal for home garden. Tree is vigorous, hardy, and productive.

### ASPARAGUS

**Purple Passion** – attractive purple variety with high yields, and exceptional flavor and tenderness.