

Popular Fruit Varieties, 2010

The following list was compiled by Bob Bors (U of S), Rick Sawatzky (U of S) and Clarence Peters (SAFRR). These varieties are widely grown in Saskatchewan, mostly in backyards and gardens. This list is **not** intended for commercial growers. Commercial growers should investigate these and other varieties more thoroughly and make test plantings of several varieties to determine suitability for your operation. Keep in mind that Saskatchewan spans 3 hardiness zones and has multiple soil types. Some exceptional varieties have been underlined. For more info visit: www.fruit.usask.ca

Ripening season estimates are based on Saskatoon conditions but can vary from year to year.

Haskap/Blue Honeysuckle:

June & July

Borealis or Tundra

- They need a pollinator but not each other. Berry Blue works and so do most cultivars from Russia. U of SK will be releasing a pollinator in 2010. In a cool year these may be good in August

Strawberry

Early July

June Bearers

- Early: Annapolis
- Mid: **Cavendish**, Kent
- Late: Bounty

Dayneutrals

- Tristar, Seascape (One season only?), Fern

Everbearers

- Ogallala, Fort Laramie (Home gardeners only)

Saskatoon

Mid to late July

Early Mid Season

- Northline, Smoky

Mid Season

- Honeywood, **Parkhill** (Most disease resistant)

Mid Late Season

- Thiessen, Martin, Nelson

Raspberry *Summerbearers: late July - early Aug* *Fallbearers: Sept - frost*

Early

- Boyne (Industry standard in Canada)

Midseason

- Festival
- Steadfast (Doesn't sucker much)

Late

- **Red Mammoth** (U of S), K81-6 (zone 3 only)

Purple

- Royalty (zone 3)

Black

- (None fully hardy)

Yellow

- Honeyqueen (For home gardens only)

Primocanes (Fall Bearers)

- Autumn Bliss (Too late in season, except Maple Creek)

Dwarf Sour Cherry *August, but Carmine Jewel may be late July*

- **Carmine Jewel** (U of S): Earliest to ripen, black fruit

Romance series (U of S): Most are dark fruit and very tasty

- Valentine formerly 7-19-27.6 (Red fruit)
- Crimson Passion formerly 7-21-16.3
- **Juliet** formerly 7-21-31.0
- Romeo formerly 7-7-5.8
- Cupid formerly 7-32-19.1 (Late season)

Currants & Gooseberry *Aug*

European Black Currants

- **'Ben' series** (good flavour & mildew resistant)

Buffalo Currant

- Black Giant, Black Albol

Red Currants

- Red Lake, Honey Red

Gooseberry

- Pixwell, Hinnonmaeki Red, Welcome, Jahn's Prairie

Choke Cherry *mid to late Aug*

- Garrington
- **Pickup's Pride** (Large fruit, good flavour for a cc)
- Shubert

Plums

mid Aug

P. nigra x salicina hybrids: Need wild plum pollinizers

- **Patterson Pride** (top flavour)
- Prairie
- Pembina
- Perfection/Superb

P. salicina types: Need another compatible P. salicina pollinizer

- **Brookgold** (Super productive, dependable)
- Green Elf
- Ivanovka
- Ptitsin #3
- Ptitsin #5
- Fofonoff (Homesteader)
- Brook Red

Cherry Plums

mid Aug

Red-Fleshed

- Dura, Manor, Sapa, New Oka, Kappa and Zeta

Green-Fleshed

- Opata, Beta

Apple

late Aug to Oct

Early

- Adanac, Norland (Very hardy)

Midseason

- Fall Red, September Ruby, **Norkent** (Durable), Goodland (Not as hardy but sweet), Battleford, Carlos Queen, Westland

Late Season

- Minnesota #447, Haralson (Also called HaralRed),

Crabapples

- Early: Rescue,
- Mid: Dolgo,
- After frost: **Kerr** (Intense flavour, add to cider)

U of S varieties

- Prairie Sun (Early, good for drying)
- **Prairie Sensation** (Firm flesh, very tasty)
- **Autumn Delight** (Firm flesh, very tasty)
- **Misty Rose** (Firm flesh, very tasty)

Grapes

early Sept

- Valiant, Beta

Pears

Sept

- John (Quite good and good size if heavily pruned and thinned)
- Thomas (Best quality, low availability)
- Ure (only zone 3)

Seabuckthorn

Sept

New from PFRA

- Harvest Moon (needs a male tree to set fruit)

Most of the above crops can be of good quality. Prairie plums have a sweet, very nice taste, but are rather small and can have tough skins. And while prairie plums are good eaten fresh, hardy grapes, pears and cherry plums are usually processed. We are breeding these crops at the U of S but it may be several years before we have improved, high quality cultivars.

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