

# Popular Fruit Varieties, 2013

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 three hardiness zones and has multiple soil types. Some exceptional varieties have been underlined.

Underlined varieties are favoured by Bob Bors.

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

Harvest dates are estimated on the upper right for each crop.

## ***Haskap/Blue Honeysuckle:***

*June & July*

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**Tundra**, **Borealis** and the Indigo series (Indigo Gem, Treat & Yum) were released in 2007 and are closely related. Borealis is recommended for gardeners because of its dense branching habit.

Tundra and Indigo Gem have more durable fruits more suited for commercial growers.

‘Honey Bee’ is a proven pollinizer for the above that holds onto its fruit

**Aurora** is a new variety released to propagators in 2012 which has larger fruit and sweeter taste.

It also can pollinize Tundra, Borealis and the Indigos. It should be available in 2013 or 2014.

## ***Strawberry***

*Early July*

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### **June Bearers**

**Early:** Annapolis

**Mid:** Cavendish, Kent

**Late:** Bounty

### **Dayneutrals**

Tristar, Seascape (one season only?), Fern

### **Everbearers**

For home gardeners only. Ogallala, Fort Laramie

## ***Saskatoon***

*Mid to late July*

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### **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 to frost*

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### **Early**

Boyne; (industry standard across 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 also called Fall Bearers** Autumn Bliss (too late in season, except Maple Creek)

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

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

**Romance series (U of S)** Valentine (formerly 7-19-27.6 only red one  
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

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***Currants & Gooseberry*** *Aug*

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**European Black Currants** **'Ben' series** (flavour & mildew resistant)  
**Buffalo Currant** Black Giant, Black Albol  
**Red Currants** Red Lake, Honey Red  
**Gooseberry** Pixwell, Hinnonmaeki Red, Welcome, Jahn's Prairie

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***Choke Cherry*** *mid to late Aug*

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

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***Plums*** *mid Aug*

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***P. nigra x salicina* hybrids that need wild plum pollinizers:**

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

***P. Salicina* types that need another compatible *P. Salicina* Pollinizer:**

**Brookgold** (super productive, dependable)  
Green Elf  
Ivanofka  
Ptitsin #3  
Ptitsin #5  
Fofonoff (Homesteader)  
Brook Red

## *Cherry Plums*

*mid Aug*

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**Red-Fleshed**                      Dura, Manor, Sapa, New Oka, Kappa and Zeta  
**Green-Fleshed**                      Opata, Beta

## *Apple*

*late Aug to Oct*

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**Early**                                      Adanac, Norland (more hardy and dependable),  
**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 (these 3 are very tasty and firm)  
Autumn Delight  
Misty Rose

## *Grapes*

*early Sept*

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Valiant  
Beta

The U of SK is breeding grapes but new cultivars are not expected until at least 2015

## *Pears*

*Sept*

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John                                      Quite good and good size if heavily pruned and thinned  
Thomas                                      Best quality, low availability  
Ure    Zone 3 only

## *Seabuckthorn*

*Sept*

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New from PFRA: Harvest Moon (needs a male tree to set fruit)

Most of the above crops can be of good quality. But prairie plums, grapes, pears, and cherry plums are often of lower quality than you might expect in a grocery store. While prairie plums are good eaten fresh, the other 3 are usually processed. Plums usually taste good but are rather small and can have tough skins. We are breeding these crops at the U of S but it may be several years before we have improved high quality cultivars of these.

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