

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.

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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: (home gardens only) Ogallalla, Fort Laramie

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 to frost

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)

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 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

Currants & Gooseberry

Aug

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

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 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

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 (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

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. 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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