

HOME FRUIT AND NUT VARIETIES FOR NUECES COUNTY

Variety selection is one of the most important steps in successful fruit growing. A variety may perform in one area of Texas and be a complete failure in our county. For this reason, your Extension office has prepared a list of varieties that have demonstrated satisfactory performance for several years. Many of the older varieties, such as 'ELBERTA' peach, 'BARTLETT' pear, or 'STUART' pecan are not recommended for this area, either because they simply do not do well under our conditions or because other varieties are much better adapted to the area.

Fruit trees do not grow 'true' from seed. Instead, they are budded or grafted onto a suitable rootstock adapted for our areas. The correct rootstock is just as important as the recommended variety. Suggested rootstock are marked with a *.

AVOCADOS

Lula
Mexican race
seedlings

Rio Red grapefruit
Marsh White grapefruit
Henderson grapefruit
Ray grapefruit
Meyer lemon
Mexican lime
Other lemons and limes
Any other citrus

Cowart
Carlos
Higgins
Magnolia
Junbo
Regale
Summit
Scuppernong

Keiffer
LeConte
Pineapple
Garber
Monterrey
Fan Still

BLACKBERRIES

Brazos
Brison
Rosborough

GRAPES, AM
Lenoir (BlackSpanish)
Champanel
Carmen
Favorite
Herbemont

PEACHES

Earligrande
Rio Grande
FlordaKing
FlordaPrince
La Feliciana
Tex Star
FlordaGlo
Starlite
ValleGrande
TropicBeauty
TopicSweet
TopicSnow
FlordaGrande
TexRoyal (600)
Sam Houston (550)
*Nemaguard
*Nemared

PECANS

Desirable
Cheyenne
Choctaw
Swawnee
Kiowa
Caddo
Cape Fear

CITRUS, HARDY

*Sour Orange
*Cleopatra mandarin
Nagami kumquat
Meiwa kumquat
Hongkong kumquat
Marume kumquat
Owari satsuma
Silverhill satsuma
Changsha tangerine
Eustis limequat
Dancy tangerine
Clementine (Algerian
tangerine)

GRAPES, FR/AM

S.V.375
Orlando Seedless
Blanc Du Bois
Valencia

FIGS

Alma
Celeste
TX Everbearing (Brown
Turkey)

STRAWBERRIES

Sequoia
Tioga
Douglas
Chandler
Pajaro

CITRUS, NON-HARDY

Marrs orange
Hamlin orange
Navel orange
Valencia orange
Ruby Red grapefruit

MUSCADINES

Fry

PEARS

Orient

PAPAYA

Seedlings

NOT RECOMMENDED

PLUMS

APRICOTS

OLIVES

BLUEBERRIES

PLANTING GUIDE FOR FRUIT CROPS

FRUIT CROPS	DIAMETER OF MATURE PLANTS (Minimum, feet)	YEARS TO FULL BEARING	POTENTIAL YIELD	POLLINATE
Blackberry	3	2	1 gal/row	Self
Avacado	15	7-8	4-5 bu.	Self
Citrus				
Grapefruit	15	8	5-6 bu.	Self
Orange	15	8	4-5 bu.	Self
Tangerine	15	8	3-4 bu.	Self
Fig	12	2	25 lbs.	Self
Grape	8	4	10 lbs.	Self
Pear	25	4	3-6 bu.	Self
Peach	18	3	2-3 bu.	Self
Pecan	40	12	40-100 bu.	Cross
Strawberry	12	1	pt./plant	Self

Crops requiring cross pollination need different varieties to improve fruit set. Refer to Nueces County Fruit and Nut Variety Lists for specific suggestions.

APPROXIMATE HARVEST SEASONS FOR FRUITS IN TEXAS

FRUIT/NUT VARIETY	HARVEST SEASON
Blackberries	May-June
Figs	June - August
Lemons and Limes	Year Around
Grapefruit	October - November, will store on tree into June
Other Citrus	Mostly October-November, into January
Papayas	Year Around (Mature in about 6-9 months from seed)

FRUIT/NUT VARIETY	HARVEST SEASON
Peaches	April - May
Pecans	October
Pomegranates	July - October
Oranges	September-October, will store on tree into February-March
Strawberries	March - April

For More Information: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/citrus/urban.htm>.

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