TREE FRUIT & NUT VARIETIES
FOR ILLINOIS HOME ORCHARDS
THESE FRUIT AND NUT VARIETIES WERE selected on the basis of general availability from nurseries as well as their performance in Illinois. Hundreds of varieties have been named and released for sale. Some of those not included will perform satisfactorily in Illinois.

**Major Fruits**

**Apples**

The following varieties are for all Illinois areas. Use dwarf, semi-dwarf, or spur-type trees.

- **Summer cooking apples:** Lodi and its spur-type sports, and Melba.
- **Summer eating and cooking:** Stark Earliest, Beacon.
- **Late summer cooking:** Wealthy.
- **Fall eating and cooking:** Jonathan, Grimes Golden, Golden Delicious and its spur-type sports.
- **Fall eating:** Red Delicious and its spur-type sports.
- **Winter eating and cooking:** Winesap and its spur-type sports, and Turley (a Winesap type).

Add McIntosh to the fall-eating group for the northern one-fourth of Illinois.

Plant any two of these varieties, except Winesap and Turley, for cross-pollination. The pollen of Winesap and Turley is sterile. Plant any two of the other varieties with Winesap or Turley.

**Peaches, Freestone**

Use standard trees. All varieties listed are self-fruitful.¹

- **Northern Illinois:** None recommended.
- **Central Illinois:** Listed in order of ripening—yellow-fleshed varieties, Colora, Reliance, Madison; white-fleshed variety, Belle of Georgia.
- **Southern Illinois:** Listed in order of ripening—yellow-fleshed varieties, Sunhaven, Redhaven or Commanche, Golden Jubilee, Halehaven or Glohaven, Madison or Cresthaven; white-fleshed varieties, Early White Giant, Belle of Georgia.

¹ Does not require cross-pollination.

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Nectarines

Use standard trees. All varieties listed are self-fruitful.

Northern and central Illinois: None recommended except in favorable locations in central Illinois where the varieties listed for southern Illinois may be planted.

Southern Illinois: Listed in order of ripening—Early Flame (yellow), Redchief (white), Cavalier (yellow).

Apricots

Northern and central Illinois: None recommended. Even in southern Illinois the blossoms and young fruit are frequently killed by frost because apricots bloom early in the spring.

Southern Illinois: Earli-Orange, Superb. Both varieties are normally self-fruitful, but cross-pollination may help set crops.

Plums

Use standard trees.

European types (all Illinois areas): Stanley, Bluefre, Green Gage (Reine Claude), Damson (Shropshire). Plant any two of these European types for cross-pollination for best production.

Japanese types and hybrids:

Northern Illinois: None recommended.

Central and southern Illinois: Ozark Premier, Methley, Santa Rosa, Redheart, Starking Delicious. Plant any two of these Japanese types and hybrids for cross-pollination. European types will not pollinate Japanese types.

Sour Cherries

All Illinois areas: Montmorency (use standard trees).

If dwarf trees are desired, the natural dwarf varieties Meteor and North Star are suggested. All three sour cherry varieties are self-fruitful.

Sweet Cherries

Northern and central Illinois: None recommended.

Southern Illinois: Yellow Glass or Gold Sweet, Van, Windsor, Black Tartarian. Occasional crops can be expected in southern Illinois. Plant any two of these varieties for cross-pollination.

Pears

All Illinois areas: Maxine, Starking Red, Starking Gold. Plant any two of these.

Sources of Major Fruits

Many of these varieties can be obtained from one or more of the following nurseryman. If your name is not listed with them, he can obtain them from a nurseryman.

Each of the following nurseries is located in an area where the varieties listed for each area can be planted.

Clyde Nursery, Clyde, Illinois.
Cumberland Valley Nursery, Cumberland Valley, Illinois.
Haley Nursery, Smithville, Illinois.
Hilltop Nursery, Hartford, Illinois.
Inter-State Nursery, Herrin, Illinois.
Neosho Nursery, Neosho, Illinois.
Stark Bros. Nursery, Louisiana, Missouri.
Waynesboro Nursery, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Unusual Fruits

Pawpaws

All Illinois areas: Delaware, Pawpaw will stand in areas where varieties for cross-pollination are recommended.

Mulberries, Hybrid

Northern Illinois: 1.
Central and southern Illinois: 1 (self-fruitful).

Persimmons, American

Northern Illinois: 0.
Central and southern Illinois: 0 (all are self-fruitful). Also plant a male tree near female trees. Cross-pollination is necessary for setting fruits.

Sources of Unusual Fruits

See sources for edible fruits.
Pears

All Illinois areas: Use dwarf trees.
Maxine, Starking Delicious, Seckel.
Plant any two of these varieties for cross-pollination.

Sources of Major Fruit Varieties

Many of these varieties may be carried by your local nurseryman. If your local nurseryman does not carry them, he can obtain most of them from wholesale nurseries.

Each of the fruit varieties listed above may be obtained from one or more of the following mail order nursery firms listed in alphabetical order:

- Bountiful Ridge Nursery, Princess Anne, Md. 21853
- Clyde Nursery, Clyde, Ohio 43410
- Cumberland Valley Nursery, McMinnville, Tenn. 37110
- Emlong Nursery, Stevensville, Mich. 49127
- Haley Nursery, Smithville, Tenn. 37166
- Hilltop Nursery, Hartford, Mich. 49057
- Inter-State Nursery, Hamburg, Iowa 51640
- Neosho Nursery, Neosho, Mo. 64850
- Stark Bros. Nursery, Louisiana, Mo. 63353
- Waynesboro Nursery, Waynesboro, Va. 22980

Unusual Fruits

Pawpaws

All Illinois areas: Davis, Overleese.
Pawpaw will stand considerable shade. Plant both varieties for cross-pollination.

Mulberries, Hybrid

Northern Illinois: None recommended.

Persimmons, American Type

Northern Illinois: Garretson, John Rick.
Central and southern Illinois: Garretson, John Rick, Killen, Craggs.
Also plant a male variety such as William male for cross-pollination in areas where there are no wild persimmons growing. Oriental varieties are not recommended for Illinois.

Sources of Unusual Fruit Trees

See sources for edible nuts.
Edible Nuts

Black Walnut
All varieties are self-fruitful.

Central Illinois: Meyers, Sparrow, Beck, Oakes, Hare, Farrington.
Southern Illinois: Sparrow, Beck, Oakes, Hare, Vandersloot.

Persian Walnut (Also Called Hardy “English” and Carpathian Walnut)
Northern and central Illinois: Hansen, Colby, Helmle.
Hansen and Colby are self-fruitful and do not require cross-pollination. Helmle, Clarence, and S-24 should be interplanted with Hansen or Colby.

Chestnut (Chinese)
Northern Illinois: Nanking, Orrin.
Central and southern Illinois: Nanking, Orrin, Crane, Meiling.
Plant any two of these varieties for cross-pollination.

Filbert (Hazelnut)
Northern Illinois: Winkler.
Central and southern Illinois: Winkler, Bixby, Potomac.
Winkler seems to be self-fruitful. Bixby and Potomac are hybrids and should be planted together for cross-pollination.

Pecan
Plant northern hardy types only.

Northern Illinois: None recommended.
Central and southern Illinois: Group I, Giles, Major, Peruque, and Group II, Colby, Posey.
Interplant at least one variety from each group for cross-pollination.
Hican (Hickory-Pecan Hybrid)


Central and southern Illinois: Burton, Pixley, Jay Underwood, Des Moines.

Plant any two of these varieties, except Jay Underwood and Des Moines, for cross-pollination. Native hickories and Group I pecans also will pollinate them. Plant McCallister to pollinate Jay Underwood and Des Moines.

Hickory

Hybrid (all Illinois areas): De Acers, Stratford.

Shagbark (all Illinois areas): Harold, Anthony, Weschcke, Retzer.

Shellbark (all Illinois areas): Scholl, Ross.

Plant any two of these varieties for cross-pollination. Hybrids and shagbark and shellbark types will cross-pollinate.

Sources of Nut and Unusual Fruit Trees

Some of the nurseries listed under fruit trees also have nut trees.

Persimmons:
See nut trees.

Mulberries and Pawpaws:
Louis Gerardi Nursery, Rt. 1, O'Fallon, Ill. 62269

Nut trees:
Berhow Nursery, Huxley, Iowa 50124
Louis Gerardi Nursery, Rt. 1, O'Fallon, Ill. 62269
(also persimmons)
O. S. Gray Nursery, Arlington, Tex. 76010
J. L. Morrill, Cunningham, Ky. 42035
John Talbott Nut Nursery, Atlas Rd., Linton, Ind. 47441 (also persimmons)

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