



# 2025 Fruit Tree Selections

**All trees sold at Backbone Valley Nursery are varieties recommended by Texas A&M for our local area.**

<b>Apples 2-5 yrs to harvest</b>	<b>Chilling Hours</b>	<b>Pollinizer Required?</b>	<b>Ripening Period</b>	<b>Description</b>
Anna	200-300	Yes	late June	Large green fruit with light red blush. Produces at an early age. Use Ein Shemer, Gala or Granny Smith as a pollinizer.
Ein Shemer	350	Yes	June-July	Golden yellow fruit with a crisp and tart flavor. Bears at a young age. Use Anna as pollinizer.
Fuji	350-400	Yes	Early to Late September	Dense, sweet flesh, crisp with long shelf life. Medium reddish-green skin. Will take summer heat. Use Gala or Granny Smith as a pollinizer.
Gala	500	Partial Self-Pollinizer	Late July - Early August	Top-quality, crisp, sweet apple. Gold skin with red blush. Will take summer heat. Use Fuji or Granny Smith as a pollinizer.
Granny Smith	400-600	Yes	Late September - Early October	Bright green apple with pink blush. Excellent for eating, cooking, and sauce. High juice content and stores very well. Use Gala as a pollinizer.
<b>Peaches 2-4 yrs to harvest</b>	<b>Chilling Hours</b>	<b>Pollinizer Required?</b>	<b>Ripening Period</b>	<b>Description</b>
Belle of Georgia	800-850	Self-fertile	late August	An old-time favorite that produces large red freestone fruit. Fruit is firm and the flesh is creamy-white tinged with red. Eat fresh or can.
Elberta	800	Self-fertile	Late July to August	Large fruit with golden-yellow skin blushed red. Sweet yellow flesh. Freestone. Good all around peach.
Early Elberta	800	Self-fertile	late July to early August	Early Elberta produces a large, juicy, sweet fruit with yellow flesh. This freestone variety ripens from late July to Early Aug.
Harvester	750	Self-fertile	Late June	Freestone. Resistant to bacterial leaf spot. Acidic, good quality peach with sweet yellow flesh. Med. to large fruit.
June Gold	450	Self-fertile	Late May - Early June	Clingstone to semi-freestone. Fruit is large with yellow flesh and good flavor. One of the earliest to ripen.

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La Feliciana	500	Self-fertile	late June-early July	Large sweet freestone peach with red skin and yellow flesh with red flecks. Big producer with excellent flavor.
Loring	800	Self-fertile	Mid-July	Large, yellow skin and flesh with red blush. Freestone. Flesh yellow, firm, melting, and extremely good flavor. Resistant to bacteriosis.
Redhaven	800-900	Self-fertile	late July	Large freestone peach with yellow flesh and red skin. Resistant to leaf spot. Bears in 2-4 years. Eat fresh, can or freeze.
Sam Houston	500	Self-fertile	late June	Developed at Tx. A&M. Large freestone peach with red fruit and sweet yellow flesh. Use for canning, baking or eating fresh.
Redskin	750	Self-fertile	Early August	Skin is deep red over yellow with yellow flesh. Large freestone fruit, resistant to bacteriosis. Excellent for eating and canning.
<b>Plums 3-6 yrs to harvest</b>	<b>Chilling Hours</b>	<b>Pollinizer Required?</b>	<b>Ripening Period</b>	<b>Description</b>
Bruce	500	Yes	Early June	Large red fruit with yellow to orange flesh. Ripens early with sweet flesh. Use Methley, Morris or Santa Rosa as pollinizer.
Burbank	400	Yes	July - August	Produces a large purplish red fruit with sweet amber cling-stone flesh. Good for eating and canning. Use Bruce, Methley, Morris or Santa Rosa as pollinizer.
Methley	250	Self-fertile	Late May - Early June	A Japanese plum with small to medium size fruit with a mottled purple peel and juicy red flesh and sweet flavor. Use Bruce, Morris or Santa Rosa as pollinizer.
Santa Rosa	400	Self-fertile	Late June	Large, oval fruit with purplish-red skin. Firm flesh, yellow to dark red near skin. Rich, pleasing, tart flavor. Use Bruce, Burbank, Methley or Santa Rosa as a pollinizer.
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Fantasia	750	Self-fertile	late August	Yellow freestone that is firm when ripe. Flesh is sweet, tangy and juicy. Bears in 2-4 years.
Flavortop	600-700	Self-fertile	mid July	Freestone. Consistently a top scorer in taste tests. Fruit is yellow fleshed, gold with red blush. Great for fresh eating.

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Karla Rose	600	Self-fertile	June-July	This semi-freestone Nectarine has white flesh with deep red skin. The fruit is low acid and excellent for fresh eating.
<b>Apricots 2-4 yrs to harvest</b>	<b>Chilling Hours</b>	<b>Pollinizer Required?</b>	<b>Ripening Period</b>	<b>Description</b>
Blenheim	400-500	somewhat self fertile	late June-early July	Juicy orange fruit known for its sweet aromatic flavor. Freestone apricot is favored for canning, drying and eating fresh.
Katy	200-300	somewhat self fertile	June-July	Mid-size orange fruits are used for canning, preserves or baking. Sweet freestone fruits. Produces better with pollinizer.
Moorpark	600-700	no	Late June-Early July	Large fruit with yellow skin with red blush. Sweet, juicy with excellent flavor.
Perfection	700	no	August	This productive freestone apricot produces best with Moorpark as pollinizer. Large fruiting variety with light orange fruit and no blush.
<b>Pears 4-6 yrs to harvest</b>	<b>Chilling Hours</b>	<b>Pollinizer Required?</b>	<b>Ripening Period</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ayers	500-700	yes	Late July - Early August	Small to medium size fruit that is yellow with a red blush. Sweet, soft flesh. Excellent for eating fresh. Plant with Bartlett, Kieffer or Moonglow
Bartlett	800	yes	Late September - Early October	A large, yellow pear of excellent quality. It is a favorite for canning and eating. It is a heavy-bearer, but is susceptible to fireblight. Partially self fertile. Plant with Kieffer or Moonglow.
Kieffer	400	yes	October-November	Large fruit with greenish-yellow skin blushed red. Coarse, crisp and juicy white flesh with mild pear flavor. Stores well. Good resistance to fireblight. Plant with Bartlett or Orient.
Moonglow	500	yes	late August	Moonglow produces large fruit with a brownish green skin. Flesh is free of grit with a sweet mild flavor. Plant with Bartlett, Kieffer or Orient.
Orient	350-400	yes	Late August	A cross between Asian Pear and European Pear with large round yellow fruit. Sweet mild flavor. Resistant to Fire Blight. Plant with Ayers, Bartlett, Kieffer or Moonglow.

