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Gilby's Fruit Tree Selection Guide for Apples

Malus Genus

VR=Very Resistant VS= Very Susceptible R= Resistant S= Susceptible MR=Moderately Resistant MS=Moderately Susceptible

Variety	Parent	Rootstocks Available X			Cold Hardiness Zone	Bloom Season	Flowering Group	Harvest	Storage	Fruit	Use	Apple Scab	Fire Blight	Cedar Apple Rust	Mildew	More Information
		Dwarf	Semi Dwarf	Standard												
Dolgo Crab Ornamental Crab				X	2	Early	2	Early August	5-8 weeks	1 1/2" dark red almost purple fruit	jelly	R	R	MR	R	Great early season pollinator
Norland Parents	Rescue & Melba			X	2	Early		Late August	4 months	Green and red stripes sweet and crisp	Eating, cooking baking, juice	R				Natural semi-dwarf, 16' by 13'. pick early for better storage. Very Productive.
Centennial Crab	Dolgo & Wealthy				3	Early	3	Late August	5 weeks	Excellent flavor	Eating and sauce	R	MR			Genetic semi-dwarf, egg shapped
Whitney Crab Illinois 1869					3	Early	3	Early Sept	4 weeks	Yellow with red stripes	Low acid, jelly, pickles	R	MR	MR	R	Self Fertile
Beacons	Malinda x Wealthy				3	Early		Late August	short	Bright red, med size, mildly acid	Pulpy and fairly soft sweet, great for cooking or eating	VS	S		MR	Very hardy early bearing
First Kiss (MN55)	Honeycrisp & Black Arkansas				4 Trail in 3b survived -45 on B9 rootstock didn't do as well on M26 rootstock	Early		Mid to Late August	5 months	Dark red, crisp, sweet with a tart finish	Amazing eating apple, very juicy. Gets better with time like a good wine					Managed variety tends to drop early
Hazen	Duchess & Starking Delicious			X	3	Early	2	Late August	short	Large firm juicy sweet with a hint of tart	Pleasant for eating, good dessert and cooking		R			Blooms for a long period of time. Very cold hardy
Lodi					3	Early	2	Early August	short	Yellowish green apples with soft white flesh sweet tart	Great for pies & sauces				R	Triploid! A dependable, productive apple tree. While not a long keeper in the refrigerator, these apples will freeze nicely.
Red Duchess Red Selection of Duchess of Oldenburg					3	Early		Mid to Late August	2-4 weeks	Yellow with red blush, tart, juicy	Pies and sauces					20' x 20'
State Fair	Mantet x Oriole		X	X	3	Early	2	Late Aug	4 weeks	Tart, good texture	Fresh eating and cooking	VS	R			Prone to biennial bearing
SweeTango	HoneyCrisp x Zestar				3	Early		Early Sept	8-10 weeks	Red, crisp, juicy	Amazing eating apple, very juicy,	R	R	R	R	Managed variety. Very cold hardy on B9 rootstock. Survived -45 at Gilbys
Yellow Transparent	Russia 1880			X	3	Early	2	Early August	2-3 weeks	Large pale yellow skin	Fresh eating, sauces, pies, good for drying, freezing, sauce, juice and wine.	MR	VS	MR	MR	Vigorous growers that bear fruit very young.
Zestar!® State Fair and MN Selection		X	X	X	3	Early	1	Early Sept	2 months	Large, crisp, juicy, excellent sweet tart balance	Fresh eating, sauces, pies	VS	MS	S	R	12/31/14 Changed to Zone 3. Very cold hardy
Chestnut Crab				X	2	Early Mid	3	Mid Sept	5 weeks	2" Gold	Great for fresh eating	MR	R	R	R	Open Pollinator
Gravenstein (Triploid)					3	Early to Mid		August	short	Tart	cooking sauce cider					Triploid pollen sterile. Can't pollinate other apple trees
Lautz	Haralson Limb Sport Mutation				3	Mid		Late	6 months	Small to medium size, firm fine grained juicy sweet tart balanced	Fresh eating, cooking, pies		HR	R	HR	A limb sport is a mutation from one cell that leads to a branch with different characteristics from the original tree. Very cold hardy
Red Baron	Gold Delicious & Daniels Red Duches			X	3	Mid		Mid Sept	4-5 weeks	Medium size red & yellow coarse, dryish flesh, Ppear-flavored. mild	fresh eating cooking and pies	R	R			
Goodland	Manitoba Canada 1955			X	3	Mid		Mid to Late august	5 months	3" moderately sweet with creamy green skin and red blush	Fresh eating, cooking and sauces		R			Height 20' by 20' spread, only 3 years to bear fruit
Prairie Magic	Goodland & Mantet			X	3	Mid		Mid Sept	medium	Medium to large size crisp and juicy	Fresh eating and cooking					
Wodarz North Dakota University and Wodarz Family				X	3	Mid		late Sept	good	Yellow skin with a red flush, firm, juicy and sweet.	Fresh eating		R			Firm texture with a slight banana finish, can be a larger apple
Northern Lights	Haralson and Macintosh				3	Mid		Mid Sept	3 months	Large 3" flesh is semi firm, snow white, sub acid to slightly acid	Eating quality fair		R			Very Ccoold hardy. Trees are large, vigorous, healthy, and productive, but generally somewhat biennial in cropping.
Frostbite	'Keepsake' and 'Sweet 16', grandparent to 'Honeycrisp'		X	X	3	Late	3	Late Sept or Early Oct	3 to 4 months	Unique small apple very sweet, intense taste. Crisp but firm texture and juicy	Great for cider or cooking.					Tendency to get russetting (cracks around the top of the apple).
Haralred Parents	Malinda & Wealthy		X	X	3	Late	3	Early Oct	long 5 months	It has a red color and large	Crisp and juicy, having a tart flavor excellent choice for pies	R	R	MR	R	Don't use Haralson for pollination. Prone to russetting.
Haralson	Malinda x Wealthy		X	X	3	Late	3	Early Oct	long 5 months	It has a red color and large	crisp and juicy, having a tart flavor excellent choice for pies.	R	R	MR	R	Don't use Haralred for pollination. Prone to russetting.
KinderKrisp	Honeycrisp and Zestar		X	X	4	Early		Mid Sept	14 weeks	2" apple hard, crisp, sweet/tart	Amazing eating, cooking, baking					Added 8/19/19. Don't use Zestar for pollination. Same Parents as SweeTango
Wealthy	Cherry Crab & Sops of Wine		X		4	Early	3	Mid Sept	short	Tart, best early season apple for pies	Pies and dessert	S	S	VS	S	Grandma's best kept secret for apple pie or desserts.
Triple Play Early					4	Early		Late Aug Early Sept								Three early season varieties — State Fair, Wealthy, Zestar grafted to one tree.
Wine Crisp	parentage is complex		X		4	Early	3	Mid to Late Oct	great storage	Spicy aromatic flavor, crisp red	Great for fresh eating	R	VR	S	MR	WineCrisp™ (Co-op 31) vigorous some occasional russetting
RiverBelle	Honeycrisp & ?				4	Early Mid		Early Sept	6 weeks	Large fruit, sweet crisp, pear finish	Great for fresh eating					Managed variety will russet
Candy Crisp					4	Mid		Mid Oct	4 months	Firm juicy and sweet large golden skin	Fresh eating, cooking, pies					Vigorous upright. Introduce in 2005.
Connell Red	Longfield and Macintosh		X		4	Mid	3	Mid Sept	long 5 months	Large destintive flavor	Excellent eating and cooking					Don't use Fireside for pollination, discovered in Wisc. 1957.
Cortland	Ben Davis and Macintosh		X		4	Mid	3	Mid Sept	med	Crisp, finely grained white flesh, large dark red juicy, sweet tart	Processing apple	VS	S	S	S	
Fireside	Macintosh and Longfield		X	X	4	Mid	3	Early Oct	long	Large, green skin scarlet stripes crisp, sweet and juicy	Eating, Salad, Baking					Don't use Connell red for pollination
Freedom New York 1983					4	Mid		Oct	6 weeks	Sub acid spright flavor	Excellent for fresh eating, cooking and cider	R	R	R	R	
Hat Trick				X	4	Early, Mid and Late										Budded and grown as an espalier, trained to grow flat against a wall, this apple tree will produce 'Honeycrisp' on the bottom, 'Sweet Sixteen' in the middle and Zestar!® apples on top. Three different apples that take up no space at all. Easy picking. No other pollinator needed since 3 apple varieties are on one tree.
Honeycrisp	Keepsake and MN 1627	X	X	X	4	Mid	4	Mid Sept	6 months long	Thin skin, exceptionally crisp, crunchy, sweet great balance	Amazing for fresh eating	MR	R	S	S	Prone to bitter pit. This is a calcium disorder
Honeycrisp Firestorm Helios Nursery		X			4	Mid	4	Mid Sept	6 months long	Thin skin, exceptionally crisp, crunchy, sweet great balance	Amazing for fresh eating	MR	R	S	S	Red Strain of Honeycrisp
Honeycrisp Select Cameron Nursery					4	Mid	4	Mid Sept	6 months long	Thin skin, exceptionally crisp, crunchy, sweet great balance	Amazing for fresh eating	MR	R	S	S	Red Strain of Honeycrisp
Honeycrisp Royal Red Willow Drive Nursery					4	Mid	4	Mid Sept	6 months long	Thin skin, exceptionally crisp, crunchy, sweet great balance	Amazing for fresh eating	MR	R	S	S	Red Strain of Honeycrisp
Honeycrisp Premier Adams Nursery					4	Mid	4	3 weeks earlier then standard Honeycrisp Late August	6 months long	Thin Skin, exceptionally crisp, crunchy, sweet great balance	Amazing for fresh eating	MR	R	S	S	Red Strain of Honeycrisp
Honeygold	Golden Delicious and Haralson		X		4	Mid		Late Sept Early Oct	medium	Sweet honey taste, medium to large golden to green fruit with smooth finish and red blush hard and crispy	Fresh Eating	R	VS	S	R	
Liberty					4	Mid		Late Sept		Yellow background red, crisp white flesh sweet and tart		VR	R	VR	R	Tree is low-maintenance due to its natural disease resistance. Some evidence that Liberty is a triploid variety.
Mcintosh	Fameuse & Detroit Red		X		4	Mid		Late Sept	2-3 months medium	Large red and green skin, tart flavor, tender snow white flesh	Best apple for making apple sauce	VS	S	VR	R	
Northwest greening					4	Mid		Late Sept		Large can reach 5" firm dense, pale green which turns to yellow	saucers and pies, cider		R	R		Northwest Greening is an old heritage apple.
Red Prairie Spy					4	Mid		Late Oct	6 Months	Large, all purpose, red over yellow, excellent flavor	Baking					Russetting may occur.
SnowSweet	Sharon & Connell Red		X		4	Mid	3	Late Sept	medium	Sweet with a slight tart balance and rich overtones. Firm, snow white flesh is very slow to oxidize when exposed to air. 3-inch oblate shaped fruit.	Amazing for Fresh Eating and Salads					Harvest 2 weeks after Honeycrisp.
Triplle Play Mid					4	Mid		Mid to Late Sept								Three mid-season blooming apple trees 'Honeycrisp', 'Sweet 16' and 'Cortland'.
Keepsake	Frostbite or Malinda and Northern Spy				4	Late	4	Late Oct	6 months	Smaller fruit size very fine grain, very hard and crisp with spicy flavor	Great Eating, Sauce and Cooking	R	R	R		Make sure you thin or the fruit will be small.
Northern Spy					4	Late	5	Late Oct	4 months	Large apple with red skin streaks of yellow and green, crisp creamy yellow flesh, very juicy	Desserts, pies, juice and cider	S	S	S	S	Slow to reach maturity. Takes 5 years to bear fruit.
Macoun	Macintosh and Jersey Black				4	Mid-Late	3	October	medium	Exceptionally sweet, juicy and aromatic flavor.	Amazing for fresh eating	VS	S	R	MR	Apple doesn't break down during cooking and remains firm.
Pazzazz	Honeycrisp and ?				4	Late	4	Mid to Late Oct	6 Months or more	Med to large apple excellent balance of sweet and tart get better with time like a great wine	Fresh eating					Managed Variety
Red Regent	Gold Delicious & Daniels Red Duches		X		4	late		Mid Oct	5 Months	Bright red, soft, juicy flesh slightly tart flavor	Eating and cooking	S				
Sweet Sixteen	Frostbite and Northern Spy		X	X	4	Mid-Late	3	Early Oct	8 weeks	Medium size, when ripe will have a true cherry finish	Fresh eating	R	R	R	R	Very upright growth habit
Triple Play Late					4	Late		Mid Sept Early Oct								Three late season — 'Fireside', Haralred® and 'Honeygold'.
Wolf River					4	Mid-Late	3	Late Sept	4 months	Large size, very sweet does not need much sugar	Cooking keeps shape in cooking	R	MS	MR	R	Very large fruit. One apple for one pie!