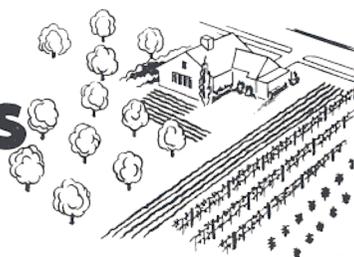




# FRUIT GARDENS



## Fruits for the Home Garden

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The material assembled here is a provisional list of 120 high-quality apples, cherries, pears, and plums, based upon a comparison of A. P. S. catalogs, the N. Y. surveys, and the older pomologies. The principal factor which has been considered in compiling this list is that of high quality.

The quality rating is based on a scale of 1 (very good to best) to 5 (poor). The 30 starred varieties constitute a list for general cultivation; the other 90 are more suited for special collections. Sources for 16 varieties marked (†) have not yet been found. These varieties are for the most part adapted to the northeastern United States.

### APPLES (48)

Quality  
Rating

#### Very Early

\*Early Harvest .....1-2

#### Early

\*American Sum Pearmain .....1  
Benoni .....2  
Early Joe .....1  
Early Strawberry .....2  
Garden Royal .....1

### APPLES (Cont.)

Quality  
Rating

Primate .....1  
†Summer Rose .....2  
\*Sweet Bough .....

#### Early Midseason

Chenango .....2  
Dyer .....1-2  
†Fall Wine .....1  
\*Gravenstein\* .....1-2  
\*Jefferis .....1-2  
Late Strawberry .....2  
Porter .....2

#### Midseason

\*Fall Pippin .....1-2  
Fameuse .....2  
\*McIntosh .. .....1-2  
Mother .....1  
Rambo .....2  
Ribston .....2  
\*Wealthy ... ..2

#### Midseason—Late

Belmont .....1-2  
Bullock .....1  
Hubbardston .....1-2  
Melon .....1-2  
Newtown Spitzenberg .....1-2  
Peck Pleasant .....1-2  
\*R. I. Grëening .....1-2  
Wagener .....1-2  
Westfield .....1-2

APPLES (Cont.)	Quality Rating	CHERRIES (Cont.)	Quality Rating
<b>Late</b>		<b>Midseason</b>	
†Canada Reinette .....	2	*Montmorency .....	2
Esopus Spitzenberg .....	1	Royal Duke .....	2-3
Golden Russet .....	2	<b>Midseason—Late</b>	
*Grimes Golden .....	1	Reine Hortense .....	1-2
*Jonathan .....	1-2	<b>Late</b>	
†Pomme Grise .....	1-2	Carnation .....	2-3
Red Canada .....	1-2	<b>Very Late</b>	
†Swazie .....	1-2	Belle Magnifique .....	2-3
Tomkins King .....	1-2	Late Duke .....	2-3
White Pearmain .....	2		
Yellow Bellflower .....	1-2		
<b>Very Late</b>		<b>PEARS (32)</b>	
†Hunt Russet .....	1-2	<b>Very Early</b>	
Lady Sweet .....	2	Madeleine .....	2-3
*Northern Spy .....	1	Summer Doyenne .....	2-3
†Swaar .....	1-2	<b>Early</b>	
Yellow Newtown .....	1	Beurre Giffard .....	2
		Bloodgood .....	2
<b>CHERRIES, Sweet (16)</b>		Elizabeth .....	1-2
<b>Very Early</b>		Petite Marguerite .....	2
Coe Transparent .....	2	†Rostiezer .....	1
Early Rivers .....	2	*Tyson .....	1-2
<b>Early</b>		<b>Early Midseason</b>	
*Black Tartarian .....	1-2	*Barlett .....	2
Governor Wood .....	2	†Brandywine .....	2-3
Rockport .....	2	*Seckel .....	1
<b>Early Midseason</b>		<b>Midseason</b>	
†Downton .....	2	Belle Lucrative .....	1
Elton .....	1-2	Beurre Bosc .....	1-2
Kirtland .....	1-2	*Beurre Superfin .....	1-2
*Yellow Spanish .....	1-2	Flemish Beauty .....	1-2
<b>Midseason</b>		†Gansel Bergamot .....	1-2
Bing .....	2	†Gray Doyenne .....	1
Black Eagle .....	1-2	Marie Louise .....	1-2
*Napoleon .....	2-3	Sheldon .....	1-2
<b>Midseason—Late</b>		White Doyenne .....	1
Downer .....	2	<b>Midseason—Late</b>	
Florence .....	2	*Beurre d'Anjou .....	2
Lambert .....	2	†Dix .....	1-2
<b>Late</b>		Doyenne duComice .....	1-2
*Windsor .....	2-3	Urbaniste .....	1-2
		<b>Late</b>	
<b>CHERRIES, Sour and Duke (8)</b>		Beurre d'Arenberg .....	1-2
<b>Early</b>		*Dana Hovey .....	1
*Mayduke .....	2	Emile Heyst .....	1
<b>Early Midseason</b>		*Lawrence .....	1-2
Belle de Choisy .....	1	Winter Nelis .....	1

## PEARS (Cont.)

Quality  
Rating

## Very Late

Easter Beurre .....2

\*Josephine de Malines .....2

†Passe Colmar .....2

## PLUMS (16)

## Early

†Early Royal .....2

Yellow Gage .....2

## Early Midseason

†Lawrence .....1-2

McLaughlin .....1

Reine Claude .....1

## Midseason

\*Jefferson .....1-2

†Purple Favorite .....1

Washington .....2

## Midseason Late

Imperial Gage .....1-2

Purple Gage .....2

## Late

Agen .....1-2

\*Italian Prune .....2-3

\*Shropshire Damson .....3

Transparent .....1-2

## Very Late

\*Bavay .....1

Coe's Golden Drop .....2

A study of the above varieties gives rise to a number of questions concerning future lists of this type.

1. How should these older varieties be rated today?
2. Which should be eliminated, and which of those marked (†), which are missing in known collections, should be sought for?
3. Which of the newer varieties should replace, or be added to, these older varieties? The following might be considered in such a revision:  
**Apples:** Cox Orange, Golden Delicious, Stayman Winesap, Cortland, Macoun, Dr. Matthews, red sports.  
**Cherries:** Seneca, Lyons, Schrecken Bigarreau, Sodus, Emperor Francis, Hedelfingen, Giant, Gil Peck.  
**Pears:** Gorham, Ewart, Vermont, Beauty, B. Dumont, Louis Pasteur.  
**Plums:** Early Laxton, Early Transparent, Am. Mirabelle, Pearl, Imperial Epineuse, French Damson, Sannois, Late Transparent.
4. What varieties on the revised list should be starred, as a brief list of recommendations for the average amateur, on the basis of healthiness, hardiness, vigor, productivity, and availability?
5. How should the list be altered for other fruit-growing regions in the U. S.?

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