

## Newer Dessert Apples

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Some of the promising new dessert varieties for New York, listed in order of ripening, are as follows:

**Mantet** (Tetofsky x open). An early variety from Canada. It is of high quality and attractively red striped. It matures unevenly, commencing in early August, a few days ahead of Melba. This looks like an excellent early variety for roadside stands and local markets.

**Puritan** (McIntosh x Red Astrachan). A new McIntosh type from the University of Massachusetts, which matures about with Early McIntosh. Although not as high in quality as Early Mac, it does attain a better size and should be worthy of a trial planting where an apple of this season and type is needed.

**Barry** (McIntosh x Cox Orange). A 1957 introduction from the Geneva, New York Experiment Station. It is high in quality, medium in size, solid dark, lively red skin, and a general purpose variety. It ripens midway between Early McIntosh and McIntosh and stores well for three months.

**Vance Delicious.** This is a fine Delicious color sport. It not only colors earlier but also matures 10 days ahead of Starking. In other respects it appears to be identical to Starking except that Vance develops a solid red blush.

**Bridgham Delicious.** This is probably the brightest color sport of Delicious and for this reason is worthy of commercial consideration. It matures about with Delicious and except

for being more attractively colored would seem to be identical to Starking or Delicious.

**Franklin** (McIntosh x Delicious). Is a high quality dessert type, originating in Ohio and maturing about 10 days after McIntosh. It sometimes doesn't develop high color at Geneva and it bruises easily. The trees have a strong tendency toward biennial bearing, although this probably could be minimized through the proper use of blossom thinning sprays.

**Spartan** (McIntosh x Yellow Newtown). This McIntosh type, which is picked about a week after McIntosh and which handles and keeps better than McIntosh, is finding commercial acceptance in New York State. It is of particular interest to growers in the Hudson Valley who have been looking for a late McIntosh type which could be picked after McIntosh.

**Spartan** has excellent dessert quality, fine appearance and usually attains adequate dessert size, although it doesn't average as large as McIntosh. At Geneva it has been nearly an annual cropper, missing only one crop in nine seasons. Like McIntosh, it requires a stop drop spray to hold the fruit for best finish and maturity.

**Melrose** (Jonathan x Delicious). A high quality, late keeping dessert type from Ohio maturing about 3 weeks after McIntosh. In some seasons it fails to develop good color at Geneva. It may have promise in districts where it will develop good color and finish. In processing tests, Melrose rates as a fairly good sauce variety.

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