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NEW VARIETIES OF APPLES AND CRABAPPLES FOR THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS REGION

The following varieties of apples and crabapples developed by W. P. Baird at the Northern Great Plains Field Station, Mandan, North Dakota, have been recently released by the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, U.S.D.A.

Prairie Gold is a small apple or large crab of Robin x Oldenberg (Duchess) parentage. The fruit is yellow, slightly ridged, oblate, firm, juicy, slightly tart to subacid with pleasant flavor, and ripens in the latter part of August. It is good for eating out of hand and very good for culinary uses. The tree is semi-dwarf, spreading, and very hardy.

Stephens is a medium-sized apple which is an open-pollinated seedling of Wealthy. The fruit is striped with red on a greenish-yellow background, and almost completely red when well colored. It is roundish oblate, subacid to sweet, of medium firmness, mellow, has a pleasant flavor, and is very good to eat

out of hand or for cooking. It ripens in the latter part of August or in the first part of September. The tree resembles its parent but tests indicate that it is hardier.

Custer is a small apple of Red Siberian x Wealthy parentage. The fruit is striped with red on a greenish-yellow background, roundish, mellow, sweet, juicy, has a pleasant flavor, and is very good for eating out of hand and good for culinary uses. It ripens in the latter part of August or in the first part of September. The tree is medium upright, prolific, and very hardy.

Heart River is a medium-sized to large crabapple of Dolgo x Oldenberg (Duchess) parentage. The fruit is orange red in color, with light yellow flesh, roundish oblate, firm, juicy, subacid, and ripens in the latter part of August. It is good for eating out of hand, canning, pickles, and jelly. The tree is slightly spreading and very hardy.