

APPLE AND PEAR TREES

Featured fruit trees for our sale this year are apple cultivars suited to the Southeast and pear trees with fire blight resistance. These trees are fine varieties for home and garden use, and are \$18 each. Select from the following varieties:

William's Favorite Apple This variety originated in Massachusetts in about 1750, but became known as an excellent apple when grown in the South. This apple is bright red, conical in shape, and medium to large in size. The tree is disease resistant. The apples are excellent for cooking and eating. The flesh is moderately firm, mostly white, juicy, and mildly subacid. Ripens in early to middle July.

Redfree Apple This beautiful red apple is sweet and especially firm. It is round with white flesh and is perfect for fresh eating or drying. This disease resistant apple was developed by Perdue University and is patented. It ripens over several weeks in August.

Virginia Beauty Apple This apple grew before 1820 in southwestern Virginia, and is an excellent eating and dessert apple. Fruit is medium to large with a glossy red or purplish color. Its flesh is greenish-yellow, fine grained, tender, juicy, sweet, and mildly subacid. Ripens in October.

Yates Apple This apple originated in Fayette County, Georgia before 1860. The apple is small and has primarily been used as a cider apple. It is a fine tasting little apple and a good keeper. It ripens in October. In addition to its usefulness in the home garden, this apple is becoming very popular for wildlife. The small apple size is attractive to deer and the tree is a good cropper.

Keener Seedling Apple This heavily russeted apple with a slight red blush originated in Lincoln County, NC around 1880. It is medium in size, sweet, firm and very disease resistant. It is unique in that it ripens extremely late and can hang on the tree until late November. It has a white flesh and is good for fresh eating, cooking, and storing.

Seckel Pear This is a small, juicy, very sweet, reddish-brown pear. It is an old variety that is ideal for canning whole or for using in desserts. The tree is vigorous and productive and has some resistance to fireblight. Fruit ripens in September.

Warren Pear This pear is light yellow, firm, sweet, and juicy. It is a good keeper and fruits well. Ripens in October. (needs a pollinator)

Kieffer Pear This is an old pear known by many southerners as the "keeper" pear for its ability to store well. The fruit is bright yellow to bronze in color and large. The texture is firm and its flavor is sweet. It is remarkably disease resistant and bears early. It ripens in late October

The Kieffer pear is considered self-pollinating and is also an excellent pollinator. Both the Seckel pear and the Warren pear should have another cultivar for a pollinator (and will pollinate each other). The Bartlett pear is a good pollinator. There are rare exceptions, such as the Magness pear, which will not serve as pollinators.

Apples should have another cultivar for a pollinator (there are a few triploid apples which cannot serve as pollinators, but this is generally not an issue). Ornamental crabapples are often excellent pollinators.