

Fall Fruit and Nut Tree Sale

All selections of fruit and nut trees, vines, and shrubs offered in this sale are of varieties proven to perform well in Eastern North Carolina. *Some plants will be delivered field dug and bare root (without soil). **Plan to plant or heel in plants immediately after delivery.** Care instructions will be emailed after ordering and included at time of pick up. **All orders are due with payment** to Johnston County Center by Tuesday, November 28th, 2023. **Please plan to pick up your plants at the Johnston County Livestock Arena located at 520 County Home Rd. Smithfield, NC 27577. Plants will be available for pickup on Thursday, February 15th, 2024 between 8am and 5pm.***

If you have any questions, please call (919) 989-5380.

Tips and Considerations

Site Selection

Proper site selection is critical in growing healthy, productive plants. All plants offered produce best in full sun. Blueberries are the most shade tolerant of the fruit plants available, and will produce even at 50% shade.

Good air circulation will help in reducing disease outbreaks. Plant all plants well away from buildings and tall trees. Avoid low-lying areas, or frost pockets, in order to protect spring blossoms.

Good drainage is essential for all fruit plants. If you have poorly drained soil and wish to grow fruit plants, create raised beds by mounding up the soil, amend with compost and /or pine bark mulch, adjust pH and incorporate nutrients according to a soil test.

Soil Testing

Once you select the site, take a soil sample and submit it to NCDA-Agronomic Division for analysis. Test results will provide advice on the amount of lime and nutrients needed. Most fruit plants perform best at a pH of 6.0, except blueberries, which need a more acidic soil with a pH of 4.0 to 5.3.

It is important to incorporate lime and nutrients into the soil prior to the time of planting. Information on soil testing, forms, and boxes can be obtained from the NC Cooperative Extension Service. Soil testing is completely free if the samples are sent in between April and Thanksgiving. There will be a \$4.00 charge per soil sample if they are sent in during Thanksgiving through March 31st. If you would like Johnston County Agriculture Agents to take your sample to the lab, we need to receive them *the week before Thanksgiving*.

Nematode Testing

Nematodes are microscopic roundworms, which can adversely affect plant health. Soil samples can be submitted to NCDA for nematode testing at a cost of \$3.00 per sample. Figs and peaches can be severely affected by high nematode populations. Populations are highest on sandy soils. If you are considering growing figs or peaches, and have sandy soil, a nematode test is recommended. Guardian rootstock on peaches is resistant to root knot nematodes and peach tree short life.

Pollination

Apples, pears, blueberries, and pecans which have the “X” symbol next to them to note that they require more than one variety for fruit set. Be sure to order at least two varieties of each of these fruit plants. Plants marked with an asterisk (*) are good universal pollinators for that fruit type or pecan tree.

Summary: We advise that once you have selected a site for your new plants, you take a soil sample to have tested for nutrients and pH as soon as possible. If you are purchasing fig bushes or peach trees, we also suggest you have a nematode assay done.

Note: We are providing the best plants possible but we cannot guarantee livability of plant material, because that depends on how well you prepare for and care for your plants after pickup, and weather conditions. Since most plants are bare-root, make plans to plant them immediately after you pick them up on February 15th, 2024. Fruit and nuts marked with a 🌳 are from North Carolina suppliers.

“APPLES” ☘

\$ 24.00 each

3-4 ft. tall plants, semi-dwarf - Geneva 41 rootstock Bare-root plants – Fuji on M111 root stock

These apple trees are grown on semi-dwarfing Geneva 41 rootstock which grow 25-30% of the size of a standard apple tree. A perfect size for urban gardens. The Geneva 41 rootstock has good precocity (produces fruit at a younger age) and is resistant to collar rot and fire blight. **It is recommended these grafted trees be trained and staked with a 10 ft. metal pole or trellised with two wires spaced at 3.5 ft. and 9 ft. heights. Fuji will be on M111 rootstock which is 80 -85% of standard size and pest resistant.** Apples perform best on rich soils with good drainage and require full sun. Optimum soil pH is 6.0. You will need more than one apple variety to ensure adequate cross-pollination. For our area, Yellow Delicious is an excellent pollinator. Semi-dwarf trees should be spaced 10-14 feet apart.

Variety	Fruit Characteristics
Gala	Mild sweet and vanilla-like with a floral aroma, firm and crisp. Perfect snacking variety. One of the most widely grown.
Yellow Delicious*	Excellent pollinator source. Fine sweet flavor. Good for snacking or cooking.
Fuji	M111 rootstock 80-85% standard size. One of the sweetest apples around. Firm, crisp and very juicy. Long shelf life.

“BLACKBERRIES” ☞

\$ 20.00 each

2 yr. old plants, 3 Gal. Container – Staked

(No need to wait-Enjoy blackberries in the 1st year with these plants)

Blackberries are among the easiest fruits to grow. They tolerate most soils and fruit best in full sun. Space plants 3' apart. All varieties listed are thorn less, Floricane-fruiting cultivars.

Variety	Type	Season	Comments
Ouachita	Erect	Early-Mid	Pronounced WAH-CHA-TAH. Excellent flavor and high yields. 400-500 chill hours. Ouachita is resistant to rosette disease and orange rust. Consistent production.
Apache	Erect	Mid	Good yields, good plants, and great flavor. Ripens after Ouachita. 800 chill hours.
Osage	Erect	Mid	New cultivar with superior flavor medium size. Ripens before Ouachita.

“BLUEBERRIES” & 🌿

\$ 8.50 each

2-year-old plants, 1 Gallon Container plants

Blueberries require a well-drained sandy soil with abundant organic matter and a pH of 4.0 to 5.3. They will bear well in full sun to light shade. Amend the soil with four to six inches of pine bark mulch. This lowers pH and improves drainage. Mulch with pine straw or pine bark mini nuggets to reduce water stress and control weeds. Under these conditions' plants produce in abundance. The following Rabbiteye varieties produce best when at least two different varieties are planted together.

Variety	Ripens	Size	Fruit Characteristics	Comments
Legacy	Early June	Medium	Gray-blue berries	(Southern Highbush) Vigorous grower,
Powder Blue	Late June-July	Med/Lg	Light blue berries	Sweet flavor, upright, good producer
Columbus	July	Large	Gray-blue berries	2005 NCSU introduction, High yields, sweet flavor, Bill Cline's favorite
Onslow	Late June/July	Large	Dark blue berries	Latest ripening NC release. Can tolerate somewhat higher pH
Premier	Late May - early June	Med/Lg	Medium blue berries	High quality, good flavor, good producer
Climax	Mid May - June	Medium	Medium blue berries	Upright, open plants. Good flavor

“FIGS” 🌿

\$18.00 each

2-3 ft. tall plants, Bare-root plants

Figs are as close as it gets to a fruit you can plant and forget. They prefer a moisture retentive, well-drained soil and full sun. On sandy soils, be sure to test for nematodes. Incorporate plenty of organic matter and mulch deeply. Figs are self-fertile – One bush sets fruit. Space 10 feet apart.

Variety	Ripens	Size	Fruit Characteristics	Comments
Brown Turkey	Early July-Early Aug	Med-Large	Light coppery brown shin with amber flesh	Also called Texas Ever-bearing; Good fresh or canned.

“AMEICAN PERSIMMON”

\$ 20.00 each

3-4 ft. tall plants, 3 gallon container plants

Native deciduous tree 30 to 80 feet and 20 to 35' wide. Grown as an ornamental or fruit tree in the home landscape, or in naturalized areas for wildlife. Trees are separate male and female trees, and you need both in order to get fruit. *(Not sure if you will get a male or female tree)*. Flowers in spring to early summer and produces fruits in the fall. Fruits are very sweet when ripe and are a food source for many birds and mammals. Spectacular autumn foliage, and an excellent addition to an edible landscape. Fruit stays on tree after leaves have fallen unaffected by freezing temperatures, an attractive addition to a winter garden.

Variety	Ripens	Fruit	Fruit Characteristic	Comments
American	Nov- Dec	Small	Yellow-orange skin	Nice ornamental tree and good for wildlife Astringent Fruit - sweet after first freeze

“JAPANESE PERSIMMON”

\$ 30.00 each

3-4 ft. tall plants, Bare-root branched plants

The Japanese persimmon is a non-astringent variety meaning you can eat it while it is mature and firm. It is well adapted and easy to grow with few pest and disease problems. The compact spreading growth habit requires 16-foot spacing between trees. Grafted on American Persimmon root stock.

Variety	Ripens	Fruit	Fruit Characteristic	Comments
Fuyu	Oct – Nov	Med – Large	Reddish-orange skin, sweet and crisp	Excellent for cooking, most popular for fresh eating

“MUSCADINES” &

\$ 14.00 each

2 yr. old plants, Bareroot

Our native Muscadines, tolerate a wide range of conditions, but perform best in moisture retentive well-drained soil and full sun, with a deep mulch of organic matter. Muscadines produce best and are easiest to manage when trained on a single wire trellis. **All muscadines offered this year are self-fertile**

Variety	Season	Color	Comments
Hall	Early	Bronze	New from UGA. Large, vigorous, disease resistant, excellent flavor, 18% sugar
Ison	Early-Mid	Black	Beautiful large clusters, excellent for wine, juice, and jellies, edible skins, 19 % sugar.
Lane	Early	Black	New from UGA. Medium-large fruit, very sweet 19%, crisp skin and firm pulp
Late Fry	Late	Bronze	Large fruit, high yields, very cold hardy, 20% sugar, delicious edible skins.
Paulk	Mid-Late	Black	Newly released UGA. Large fruit, sweet, good vigor, consistent high yields
Tara	Mid	Bronze	Large quality fruit, disease resistant, excellent all uses, great white wine, 17%

“PEACHES”

\$ 23.00 each

3-4 ft. tall, Bare-root branched plants

All these peach varieties offered are grafted on Guardian rootstock. If you want success with growing peaches in our area, you should only buy if they are grafted on Guardian rootstock. Guardian Rootstock is resistant to root knot nematode and peach tree short life. Peaches are among the most challenging, but rewarding fruits to grow. They require excellent drainage, full sun, good air circulation, and watering during drought. Peaches are self-pollinating and only one tree is needed for fruit set. A multi-purpose fungicide and insecticide program will be needed during the growing season. Trees should be spaced 20 feet apart. Be sure and test for nematodes, especially on sandy soils. Chilling hours = the total number of hours below 45 degrees F that is needed during winter for flower buds to develop and bloom normally. Only varieties that require at least 750 hours of chilling are recommended to be grown in our area. The greater the chilling hours, the less likely the peach blossoms will be damaged by late frosts.

Variety	Fruit Characteristics
Winblo	NCSU variety – Freestone medium to large sized, high quality fruit. 850 chilling hours. Fruit ripens 15 days before Elberta. Winblo is like the “perfect” peach! Sweet, juicy, it melts in your mouth! The flesh does not brown, so it is very well-suited for canning or freezing.
Contender	NCSU variety, large crops of sweet juicy yellow fruit, Free stone, 1050 chilling hours. Fruits ripen 7 days before Elberta. Disease resistant to bacterial spot.
Carolina Gold	NCSU variety, very large yellow fruit, texture, flavor and aroma are excellent. Free stone, 1050 chilling hours. Fruits ripen 4 days before Elberta. Disease resistant to bacterial spot.
China Pearl	NCSU variety, large, mild sweet, white-fleshed fruit, Free stone, 1100 chilling hours. Fruits ripen 4 days after Elberta

“PEARS” &

\$ 23.00 each

4-5 ft. tall plants, Bare-root plants

You will need more than one pear variety to ensure cross-pollination. For our area, Moonglow is an excellent pollen source. Trees should be spaced 20 feet apart. Harvest pears after they have reached full size but are still firm and green (about 105 to 130 days after full bloom). You can then ripen them by placing them in a closed bag with a ripe apple and placing the bag in a moderately cool location (60 to 70 degrees) for several days. Fire blight is a major problem on pears in the South. Avoid this by selecting fire blight resistant varieties like those below.

Variety	Ripens	Size	Fruit Characteristics	Comments
Kieffer	Early September	Large	Yellow skin at maturity; course gritty flesh; knotty, unattractive fruit.	An old favorite for canning or preserves. Resistant to fire blight.
Moonglow*	Early August	Large	Yellow skin at maturity with soft-textured flesh and few grit cells.	Good fresh or canned. Resistant to fire blight. Excellent pollinator.

“PECANS” ⌘ ☐

\$ 44.00

5-6 ft. tall plants, Bare-root plants

Pecans are native to the Mississippi River basin and prefer deep, rich, well-drained soils. Nut production requires cross-pollination between a Type I* and Type II variety. Trees in a mature orchard should be at least 70 feet apart. Scab is a common disease caused by a fungus that attacks the leaves and the shuck. Manage the disease by choosing scab-resistant varieties, such as the ones below.

Variety	Bearing Age	Nuts/lbs.	Fruit Characteristics	Comments
Lakota Type II	5-7 years	56	Early nut maturity. Nuts are 58% kernel	USDA introduction 2007. High Scab Resistance, yield and nut quality. Excellent tree strength.
Lipan Type I*	5-7 years	45	Nuts are 55% kernel. Mid harvest date	Excellent Scab Resistance with high nut quality with little alternate bearing. Strong tree structure.
Sumner Type II	6-8 years	54	Nuts are 51% kernel. Late harvest date.	Thin shell, easily cracked and shelled. Good Scab Resistance, yield and nut quality. An older variety with proven results.
Mandan Type I*	5-7 years	49	Early nut maturity and ripening. Nuts are 60% kernel	USDA introduction 2009. High Scab Resistance, yield and nut quality. Excellent tree strength and late bud break.

For More Information:

When deciding which fruit plants to grow in your home garden be sure to think about the following:

- ✓ Do you have an appropriate site – full sun, well-drained soil?
- ✓ Maintenance requirements: pest management; training and pruning requirements; irrigation.
- ✓ Do you have space for plants to mature?
- ✓ What is your soils pH? Do you need to add lime or nutrients? Have you done a soil test?

For more information, consult the following publications online, or stop by the NC Cooperative Extension, Johnston County Center located at 2736 NC Highway 210 in Smithfield to pick up a copy.

Horticulture Information Leaflets

<https://horticulture.ces.ncsu.edu/publications/>

Muscadine Grapes in the Home Garden Growing
Blueberries in the Home Garden Production
Guide for Smaller Orchard Plantings
Southeast Regional Caneberry Production Guide
Muscadine Grape Production Guide for the
Southeast
A Step-by-Step Approach to Pruning Carlos
Muscadine Grapevines

Resources from:

Tree Fruits and Nuts
Training and Pruning Fruit Trees in NC
2019 NC Peach and Nectarine Disease
and Pest Management Guide
Growing Pecans in NC
A Gardeners Guide to Soil Testing
Fig Culture in NC

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jcemastergardener@gmail.com to get tips from
certified Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Thank you!

FALL FRUIT & NUT TREE SALE

ORDER FORM

ALL ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, November 28th, 2023

Name:		Phone:		
Address:		Email:		
FRUIT	VARIETY	PRICE	# OF PLANTS	TOTAL AMOUNT
APPLES	Gala – G41 rootstock 25% standard size	\$ 24.00		
	Yellow Delicious – G41 rootstock 25%	\$ 24.00		
	Fuji – M111 rootstock 80% standard size	\$ 24.00		
BLACKBERRIES	Ouachita (local, container grown)	\$ 20.00		
	Apache (local, container grown)	\$ 20.00		
	Osage (local, container grown)	\$ 20.00		
BLUEBERRIES	Legacy (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
	Powder Blue (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
	Columbus (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
	Onslow (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
	Premier (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
	Climax (local, container grown)	\$ 8.50		
FIGS	Brown Turkey	\$ 18.00		
AMERICAN PERSIMMON	Johnston County seeding native (local, container grown)	\$20.00		
JAPANESE PERSIMMON	Fuyu	\$ 30.00		
MUSCADINES	Hall	\$ 14.00		
	Ison	\$ 14.00		
	Lane	\$ 14.00		
	Late Fry	\$ 14.00		
	Paulk	\$ 14.00		
	Tara	\$ 14.00		
PEACHES	Winblo	\$ 23.00		
	Contender	\$ 23.00		
	Carolina Gold	\$ 23.00		
	China Pearl	\$ 23.00		
PEARS	Kieffer	\$ 23.00		
	Moonglow	\$ 23.00		
PECANS	Lakota Type II	\$ 44.00		
	Lipan Type I	\$ 44.00		
	Sumner Type II	\$ 44.00		
	Mandan Type I	\$ 44.00		
PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER FORM		TOTAL # OF PLANTS:		TOTAL \$

Send completed order form WITH CHECK made payable to Johnston County Ag. Center

MAIL Check TO: Johnston County CES, Attn: Fruit & Nut Tree Sale, 2736 NC Highway 210 Ste. A, Smithfield, NC 27577-9556

or Pay with Credit Card: Call the Johnston County Extension office to place your order. 919-989-5380

NOTE: Many plants offered are bare-root, make plans to plant immediately after they have been picked up.

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