

Best Selections

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Cultivar	Notes
Alexander	Disease resistant and dependable. Culinary more than fresh eating.
Antonovka 48	This is a very good selection, but nearly all Antonovkas are disease resistant and very hardy. Tart pie apple generally.
Beacon	Fairly disease resistant. Attractive with distinctive taste. All purpose. A tad tough skinned for some folks.
Centennial	Disease resistant. Good choice for those who can find a crab lovers market. Excellent flavor.
Chestnut Crab	Disease resistant. Small but outstanding flavor.
Dayton	Scab immune. First rate fresh eating apple.
Duchess	Disease resistant. Very popular in New England, but lack of keeping means quickly marketing it. Great pie apple, too tart for fresh for most folks.
Dudley Winter	Fairly disease resistant. Good all purpose and keeps fair.
Fireside	Only recommended with a scab management plan, but keeps long and has outstanding flavor in storage.
Freedom	Scab immune and good fresh eating. It should be monitored for canker diseases, which lessens its appeal here.
Golden Russet	Disease resistant and stores decently. Prized by cidemakers as well as generalists. Yielding may be erratic in the north.
Haralson	Recommended if a scab management plan is in place. Its appeal is its excellent cropping and general purpose. Precocious and keeps/ships very well.
Haralred	Same attributes as Haralson but colors more quickly in the season. Like Haralson, can be biennial if overcropped.
Honeycrisp	Moderately disease resistant. Huge marketing potential due to popularity. Keeps well, but subject to bitterpit and foliar yellows. Not a good processor.
Liberty	Scab immune. Good all purpose apple with wide appeal in New England. Keeps only fair. Great cider base. Very easy to grow and good cropper.
Lodi	Yellow transparent type. Not scab resistant, but not difficult to manage. A good commercial addition due to its very early ripening. All purpose, but does not keep.
Macfree	Scab immune. Easy to grow mac type, and handles well. Good crops. Tough unless well ripened. Good all purpose apple, and attractive.
Mantet	Recommended if a scab management plan is in place. It is to be tolerated due to its unrivaled flavor as an early apple. At the top of the list at our taste tests. Productive and precocious.
Milwaukee	Fairly disease resistant. Large, good for all purposes, and reliable. Excellent in cider.
Niagara	Manageable with some scab regimen. It is a large, flavorful purple apple easy to market. Keeps fair. Good cider addition. Attractive tree.
Nova Easygro	Scab immune. Looks and keeps excellent. General purpose apple, good texture if properly ripened.
NW Greening	Some scab resistance. Its appeal is in keeping ability and culinary uses, but does make decent fresh eating.
Oriole	Recommended only with scab management plan. Worth the effort due to its wonderful looks and flavor, especially in the midsummer season. Large.
Pomme Gris	Disease resistant. A small and beautiful russet with complex and nutty flavors. Keeps and handles fairly well. Heirloom popularity.

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Red Baron	Recommended with a scab management plan. This beautiful and crispy apple is worth the effort. Mild sweet/tart flavor is popular. Very productive. Biennial if not thinned or overcropped.
Smokehouse	If smaller crops can be tolerated, this is a first rate and fairly disease resistant apple. All purpose.
Sweet Sixteen	Scab resistant. Often needs foliar calcium to abet bitterpit, but the very high flavor is worth the effort. Cherry undertones. Keeps well. Somewhat tardy to bear.
Trent	Disease resistant. Good crops. Good, attractive and consistent all purpose apple.
Wealthy	Fairly tolerant of scab, but still needs management plan. Well known heirloom is good for all purposes.
Wolf River	Scab resistant. Popular heirloom. Main appeal and marketing possibilities lies in its enormous size, often well over 4 ". Does not keep. Mild.
Yarlington Mill	Disease resistant. Of all the hard cider varieties, this is the most dependable. Good yields and tannin. For cider use only. Keeps fair.
Stacey Pear	Absolutely delicious. Keeps only fair, so should be marketed promptly.
Summercrisp Pear	Crispy and mildly sweet pear can be eaten from the tree. Only fair keeper. Easy tree form to manage.
Hardy Pear	Excellent russet pear. Very attractive. Tree is difficult to manage due to form. Keeps average. Ripen off tree.
Walden Large	Known only in Vermont, but excellent flavor and keeping. Very large. Unwieldy form.
David Pear	Recommended for marketing to cider makers only. Extremely tannic and tart. Also extremely easy to grow. Fruit prone to splitting some years. Does not keep.