

Possible Tree Fruit Cultivars for Cold Locations in Colorado

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It is difficult to predict precisely which fruit cultivars would be most likely to do well in cold locations in Colorado. However, the following is a compilation of such cultivars based on my "best guess." Most are cultivars which have been developed for the upper Mid-West area of the United States, e.g., Minnesota, Michigan, etc. Hilltop Nursery (Hartford, Michigan) was the primary source of such fruit tree cultivars, but it was sold in 2001 and is now Newark Nurseries, Inc. Contact: Phone – 1-800-253-2911 or 1-(269) 621-3135. However, other sources for the following cultivars may be available if one looks for them. In any event, the list is still valid and may be useful.

Apples:

Connell Red	Prairie Spy
Haralson	Regent
Honeygold	State Fair
Keepsake	Sweet Sixteen

Pears:

Lucious

Apricots:

Chinese (small fruit size)	Goldcot
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Cherries:

Sweet: Gold	Tart: Montmorency
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Nectarines:

Hardired	+ possibly Harko & Mericrest
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Peaches: (Ripe date: +/- from Red Haven)

Contender (+18) - has high chilling requirement (1050 hrs) & very hardy fruit buds.	PF25 (+27-29) - a Paul Friday "Flaming Fury" peach; large, excellent flavor & hardiness (winter & spring). See also PF22-007 (another earlier cv)
Cresthaven (+24)	Redskin (+29) - bloom (& harvest) is spread out, providing more frost hardiness.
Garnet Beauty (-11)	Reliance (+3) - reliable cropping, but poor quality fruit (poor flavor).
Harcrest (+26)	Summer Serenade (sport of Garnet Beauty)
Madison (+24) - buds very hardy, but fruit is tender & does not pack/ship well.	Autumn Star (+45) - new cultivar, 2003; very hardy fruit buds, but very late!
PF-24C (+24) - one of the Paul Friday "Flaming Fury" peaches; very spring & winter hardy; large, firm, highly colored, & excellent flavor.	

Plums:

Pipestone	Toka
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