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# Selected Apple Varieties

Variety	Ripening Date	Fruit	Comments
Akane	August	Small, bright-red fruit with white, firm, crisp flesh. Very flavorful.	Good dessert apple. Light crops but bears every year. Fruit holds on tree.
Arkansas Black	October, November	Hard, crisp, deep-red apple.	Best after storage for two months.
Ambrosia	September	Crisp, sweet, aromatic flesh that oxidizes slowly. Naturally sweet, requiring little sugar when cooked.	Productive, but fruit size & color variable, Good quality, stores well
Ashmead's Kernel	October	Medium-size, red-orange blush over rough yellow-green skin.	Good disease resistance. Old variety.
Braeburn	October-November	Medium-size, golden red. Crisp, sweet-tart flavor.	Fruit drops in hot climates. Biennial bearing. Ripens too late in Utah.
Cameo	September October	Crisp, red with gold stripes. High quality with excellent flavor and storage life	Hardy , precocious bearer that is easy to grow
Cox Orange Pippin	Late September	Medium-size, dull orange-red. Flesh yellow, firm, juicy. Flavor superb.	Susceptible to cracking. Dense growth. Dislikes extreme cold, heat or low humidity.
Delicious (Red Delicious)	August-September	Color varies with temperature and cultivar; likes bright, warm days, cool nights. Older cultivars have better flavor.	Vary in ripening season and color. Many varieties. Needs pollinator, Golden Delicious good.
Earlblaze	July-August	Medium fruit. Greenish yellow skin with red stripe. Crisp, white, firm, juicy flesh.	Good summer apple. Cooks well but does not store.
Elstar	Mid-September	Medium, red and yellow color. Excellent, tart flavor. Good for sauce or baking.	Does not do well in hot climates. Alternate bearing.
Empire	Early September	McIntosh X Delicious cross. Dark red round. Creamy white, juicy, crisp, flesh.	Good tree structure, annual bearer. Stores well.
Esopus Spitzenberg	Late October	Medium to large, red-dotted yellow. Crisp, fine-grained, tangy, spicy.	Old favorite, best in cold-winter areas. Subject to fireblight, mildew.
Fuji	Late October	Tapered shape, red stripes. Large, firm, sweet, flavorful. Good keeper.	Heavy bearer. Ripens late. Keeps well at room temperature.
Gala	September	Medium, beautiful red color on yellow apple. Firm, crisp, yellow, juicy, sweet flesh. Stores well.	Vigorous, heavy bearer. Long, supple, brittle branches - prune carefully.
Ginger Gold	August-September	Large, yellow, smooth, tapered. Crisp, firm, flavorful.	Spreading, susceptible to mildew. Annually crops.
Golden Delicious (Yellow Delicious)	September	Clear yellow; similar shape to Delicious. Highly aromatic, crisp, excellent for eating and cooking.	Improved varieties available; Goldspur, Yellow Spur, Prime Gold. Excellent pollinator for many other varieties.
Granny Smith	November	Large green apple. Widely sold.	Often ripens too late for Utah.
Gold Supreme	August	Medium large, yellow with red blush. Smooth, excellent flavor. Two weeks before Golden Delicious.	Vigorous upright tree. Tends to bear every other year. Thinning fruits early helps overcome biennial cropping.

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Gravenstein	August	Red stripes over deep yellow. Crisp, aromatic juicy. Excellent eating.	Not widely grown in Utah. Best applesauce variety.
Honeycrisp	August	Delicate flavor and appealing texture. Excellent for fresh eating	Stores well for up to six months. Tree is not vigorous but is very cold hardy
Idared	September-October	Bright red, tart apple with firm white flesh.	Stores well; sweetens in storage. Early, annual heavy bearer.
Jonagold	Late September-early October	Large; heavy red stripe over yellow. Firm and juicy. Flavor, resembles Jonathan. Stores well. Heavy bearer.	Productive, medium-size tree. Mildew susceptible. Needs pollinator (not Golden Delicious, one of its parents); will not pollinate other varieties.
Jonathan	September	Small to medium, round-oblong. Bright red, juicy, tart, spicy, crisp, apple.	All-purpose flavorful apple. Subject to mildew.
Lodi	August	Similar to Yellow Transparent but larger and more firm and not as easily bruised	Cold hardy, vigorous tree
Macoun	Mid-October	Medium, red striped, green apple. Sweet, crisp, and juicy. Dessert and cooking.	Large, upright trees resistant to mildew, scab. Thin for fruit size. Drops badly when ripe.
McIntosh	Late August to September	Medium to large. Bright red, nearly round. White, tender flesh. Tart.	Drops badly when ripe. Prefers cooler temperatures so grow in higher areas.
Melrose	Late October	Medium, round, red striped. White flesh; acid, aromatic. Jonathan Delicious cross.	Exceptional storage, good dessert apple. Mildew resistant.
Mutsu	Late October	Medium, greenish yellow to yellow blushed red. White flesh, crisp, more tart than Golden Delicious.	Good dessert and cooking apple with long storage life. Tree exceptionally large and vigorous. Needs pollinator.
Liberty	Early October	Medium, elongated, heavy red blush. Crisp, sweet-tart flavor.	Productive annual bearer. Immune to scab. Resists rust, fireblight.
Newtown or Yellow Pippin	Late October	Large, green. Crisp and tart, fair for eating, excellent for cooking.	Large vigorous tree. May be too late in many areas.
Northern Spy	Late October	Large, red. Tender, fine-grained flesh. Sprightly flavor.	Slow to reach bearing age. Needs pollinator. Keeps well.
Paulared	September	Solid red blush apple. Jonathan X Red Delicious Cross Round	Mildew susceptible
Pink Lady	November	Distinctive pink fruits but red skin mutations are available	Very long season, several weeks after Granny Smith. Not for Northern Utah
Red Astrachan	July-August	Medium fruit. Green flesh with crimson stripes. Soft, juicy, tart flesh.	Good for eating and cooking. Will not store.
Red Gold	September	Medium, slightly oblong, red with yellow, mild flesh. Juicy. Keeps well.	Vigorous hybrid between Red Delicious and Golden Delicious.
Rome Beauty (Red Rome)	October	Large, round, smooth, red. Greenish white flesh. Outstanding baking apple, but indifferent for eating fresh.	Early bearer. Red Rome is most frequently sold. Blooms late, escapes frost.
Spartan	September to October	Small to medium, dark red/purple color. Crisp flesh, excellent flavor.	Equals McIntosh in flavor. Good tree habit but needs thinning.
Summerred	Late August	Bright red; tart and good for cooking until fully ripe, then good dessert quality	Gets overripe too fast in hot-summer climates.
Wealthy	September	Medium to large, red. Flesh white veined pink, firm, tart, juicy. Good cooking variety.	Small, cold-hardy tree that tends to alternate bearing. Not for hot climates.
Williams Pride	Early August	Medium-size, red.	Moderate-size tree. Good, early red apple.
Winesap	Mid September to October	Medium to large, round. Lively flavor. Fine-grained, firm, juicy.	Old-timer that remains top favorite.
Winter Banana	Mid September to October	Large, pale yellow blushed pink, waxy finish. Tender, tangy, aromatic.	Accepts mild winters. Needs pollinator. Spur type available.

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