

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 may no longer be available as a source. Contact information (prior to sale) was: Phone – Toll free 1-800-253-2911 and 1-800-632-2951; regular (616) 621-3135. FAX – (616) 621-2062. 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.	Redskin (+29) - bloom (& harvest) is spread out, providing more frost hardiness.
Cresthaven (+24)	Reliance (+3) - reliable cropping, but poor quality fruit
Garnet Beauty (-11)	Summer Serenade (sport of Garnet Beauty)
Harcrest (+26)	Autumn Star (+ 45) - new cultivar, 2003; very hardy fruit buds, but very late!
Madison (+24) - buds very hardy, but fruit is tender & does not pack/ship well.	

Plums:

Pipestone	Toka
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