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Local El Dorado County Apple and Pear Varieties

Season = August-October

Type	Variety	Season	Description	Sauce	Pie	Juice	Pickle	Freeze	Dry
Apple	Arkansas Black	Mid	A long-keeping tart apple from Arkansas, which goes almost black in storage.	x		x			
Apple	Braeburn	Mid	A sweet taste with a moderate tartness and is crisp, firm and juicy	x	x	x	x		x
Apple	Candy Crisp	Early	Extremely mild, somewhat pear-like flavor.	x		x			
Apple	Cameo	Early/Mid	A modern sweet variety, reminiscent of Red Delicious.	x		x			
Apple	Empire	Early	One of the best McIntosh-style apples, with a good sweet vinous flavor, and easy to grow.	x		x			
Apple	Early Fuji	Mid	See Fuji	x	x	x			x
Apple	Fuji	Late	A juicy, crisp apple with a 16 to 18 percent sugar content. Fujis are suitable for baking and the apples hold up well since the interior is crisp and dense.	x	x	x			x
Apple	Gala	Early	The Gala apple's 14 to 16 percent sugar content gives the apple a sweet, fruity taste with a crisp texture. Sweet pleasant flavor, and good keeping qualities	x	x	x			x
Apple	Gingergold	Early	A crisp, tart flavor with a sweet aftertaste and is good for both eating and cooking.	x		x			
Apple	Golden Delicious	Early	Sweet and flavorful with 11 to 15 percent sugar, Delicious apples have a tasty and crisp juicy texture that is familiar to everyone.	x	x	x	x		x

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Apple	Granny Smith	Late	Sweet, tart and crisp, with 12 to 18 percent sugar content. Tree-ripened Granny Smiths are sweeter. Granny Smith apples will keep in storage without refrigeration for several months. They are good for cooking and eating.	x	x	x			x
Apple	Gravenstein	Early	An old apple variety from Denmark which remains very popular in both Europe and North America on account of its high quality flavor.	x		x			
Apple	Honeycrisp	Early	Also, called Honeycrunch. Crisp, and predominantly sweet, modern variety from the USA. It was developed by the University of Minnesota specifically for growers in cold climates, and is one of the most cold-hardy	x		x			
Apple	Jonagold	Early/Mid	AAAn excellent apple for almost any use with its firm, juicy flesh and tart to sweet flavor	x	x	x			x
Apple	McIntosh	Early	A crisp red apple with bright white flesh and refreshing sweet flavor.	x		x			
Apple	Mutsu (Crispin)	Early/Mid	A versatile dual-purpose apple, sharp but still pleasant to eat fresh. Also known as Crispin.	x	x	x			x
Apple	Newtown Pippin	Late	It is grown almost exclusively in California and Oregon. Made famous by none other than Thomas Jefferson, who grew them in his orchard at Monticello. One of the first US apple exports to the UK.	x	x	x	x		x

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Apple	Pink Lady	Late	One of the best-known modern apples, Pink Lady is actually a trademark and the variety is more correctly known as Cripps Pink. A sweet, tart and crunchy, according to the California Apple Commission. The apple has a dense, white interior, holds up well for storage	x	x	x			x
Apple	Red Delicious	Mid/Late	One of the most famous American apple varieties, a sport of Delicious, known for its bright red color.	x		x			
Apple	Red Rome	Late	An extremely attractive and productive red cooking apple, widely-grown in North America.	x		x			
Apple	Winesap	Late	Often known as Virginia Winesap, a tart small apple, and like many US heirloom varieties, keeps well in storage.	x		x			
Pear	Bartlett	Early/Mid	The sweetest, juiciest & most flavorful pear. America's most popular variety. Ripens at room temperature, turning from green to yellow. Perfect for canning, cooking or slicing. Refrigerate to preserve ripeness, which will hold for 3-5 days.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pear	Bosc	Late	Highly aromatic with dense, sweet-spicy flesh — a popular dessert pear! Skin does not change color, but stem end shrivels when ripe. Ideal for baking, poaching and cooking.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pear	El Dorado	Late		x	x	x	x	x	x
Pear	Hoisu Asian	Early/Mid					x		x
Pear	Olympic Asian	Late					x		x
Pear	Shinko Asian	Early/Mid					x		x

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