








PEACH VARIETIES 2017



Variety	Peach Leaf Curl Resistant	Fruit & Flavor	Comments	Pollination
 Bonanza	No	Freestone; large fruit with sweet, mild flavor	Genetic dwarf, matures about 5 to 6 feet tall	Self fertile
 Frost	Yes	Semi-freestone; yellow fruit with light red blush; can set fruit well in good growing seasons	For fresh eating or canning	Self-fertile
 Indian Free	Yes	Firm crimson and cream flesh, freestone, tart until ripe with rich flavor. Very aromatic	Taste test winner, large fruit, late to ripen	needs another peach to pollinate
 Pix Zee	No	Freestone; large red to orange fruit with sweet, firm flesh	Genetic dwarf, matures about 5 to 6 feet tall	Self-fertile
 Q1-8	Yes	Semi-freestone; pale yellow fruit with white flesh, sweet and juicy	Newer variety tested at Mt. Vernon	Self-fertile

Growing Peaches in Western Washington

Peaches are more challenging to grow in our climate, so don't expect a bumper crop every year! The standard peach tree for our area that VNI has carried for years is the Frost peach. The Q1-8 is newer to us, has peach leaf curl resistance, and is supposed to have better flavor than the Frost peach. While the dwarf varieties will have to be watched for disease, they can be grown in containers if desired and moved under cover or sprayed as needed. Your best bet is a warm, sunny spot with good air circulation, proper pruning, and then keep your fingers crossed for a drier spring and hot summer! It's a pleasure to see some peaches growing, so please ask one of our horticulturists if you have questions and have some fun with it.