

## 2025 Alexander Extension Fruit Sale - Plant Descriptions

### BLUEBERRIES

*Rabbit-eye blueberry types do well in the foothills of NC. Pair with another rabbit-eye type to ensure good pollination.*

- **Climax (Early):** Large and sweet in taste. Perfect for baking or in cereal.
- **Premier (Early to Mid):** Large, firm, powdery blue berries with excellent flavor. Vigorous and berries store well.
- **Onslow (Mid to Late):** Vigorous grower that produces extra-large berries.
- **Powderblue (Late):** Reliable with large, sweet, light-blue berries resistant to cracking and spring frost. Vigorous growth.

### STRAWBERRIES

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination.*

- **Albion (Ever-bearing):** XL, firm berries with high yield potential with water and nutrient program
- **Earliglow (Early-bearing):** Sweet, glossy, medium-sized berries great for eating, jams, and freezing. Vigorous plant, resistant to red steele, leaf diseases, and Verticillium wilt.
- **Allstar (Mid-season):** Beginner-friendly with large, firm, flavorful berries. Good disease resistance.

### BLACKBERRIES

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination.*

- **Natchez (Early):** Thornless variety with large, sweet berries. Disease-resistant.
- **Chester (Mid):** Thornless, cold-hardy bush with high yields of large, sweet berries.

### MUSCADINES

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination.*

- **Lane (Early):** Sweet, black fruit. Great for fresh eating.
- **Tara (Early/Mid):** Bronze variety. Perfect for eating, jellies, juice, and wine.

### BUNCH GRAPES

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination.*

- **Concord Seedless:** Sweet grapes, perfect for pies, jams, juice, and fresh eating.

### APPLES

*All on dwarfing rootstocks with good resistance to fire blight. Requires another variety to ensure pollination.*

- **Gala (Early/Mid Sept):** Sweet, crisp apples for fresh eating, salads, and cider.
- **Grimes Golden (Early/mid Oct):** Old favorite for fresh use, cider, and cooking. Great pollinizer for many varieties!
- **Arkansas Black (Mid Nov):** Dark red, firm, tart apples. Winesap-type, excellent for cider.

### ASIAN PEARS

*Plant with another Asian variety to ensure good pollination.*

- **Hosui (Late Aug):** Sweet, juicy fruit with orange-brown skin.
- **Yoinashi (Mid Sept):** Large, crisp, juicy fruit with brown russet skin.

### EUROPEAN PEARS

*Plant with another European variety to ensure good pollination.*

- **Potomac:** Medium-sized fruit with pleasing flavor and fire blight resistance.
- **Seckel:** Small, sweet dessert pears. Vigorous, hardy productive tree. Great for a home garden.

### FIGS

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination. Can be grown as a tree or shrub.*

- **Celeste:** Sweet, medium-sized fruit with a honey-like flavor. Cold-hardy and great for preserves and to dry.
- **Brown Turkey:** Heavy producer of tender, medium, sweet figs. Often yields two crops per year. Great for fresh eating.

### ASPARAGUS

*Self-fertile: Does not require another variety for pollination.*

- **Purple Passion:** Beautiful purple variety with tender, flavorful stalks and high yields.

### PAWPAWS

*Needs multiple seedling trees to ensure good pollination. Needs shaded from mid-day sun when young.*

- Large, tropical-tasting fruit with a custard-like texture. Flavors of banana pudding and mango. Grows up to 20 ft. tall. Prefers well-drained soil, full morning sun, and wind protection. Harvest Sept - Oct in 2-6 years.

### AMERICAN HAZELNUT

*Sold in pairs for pollination.*

- Small native tree producing edible nuts in fall. Great for restoration projects, wildlife and a specimen in the garden. Prefers moist to dry, well drained soils.

If you would like more information about a certain plant, please contact Cari Rosenbalm - Alexander County Horticulture Agent.

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