



SEEDS to SUCCESS

THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Table 1. RECOMMENDED CITRUS VARIETIES FOR LOUISIANA

Image	Variety Name	Description	Tree Habit	Harvest Time	Zones
Kumquat					
	Meiwa	Round, vibrant orange fruit; sweet flesh; few seeds; cold hardy	Small and vigorous; round, bush-like habit	October to March	A, B, C
	Nagami Sour	Oblong, deep orange fruit; smooth and sweet skin; tart and acidic flesh; few seeds; cold hardy	Small but vigorous; round, bush-like	October to March	A, B, C
Satsuma					
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Armstrong Early	Large fruit with light orange skin; early maturing; fruit must be harvested promptly to avoid splitting or becoming puffy	Dwarf and upright	September to October	A, B
	Brown's Select	Medium, seedless fruit; sweet and juicy; clustered; cold hardy	Large, dense, and spreading	October to December	A, B

	Early St. Ann	Medium fruit; low risk of puffiness in fruit; seedless and juicy; thin skin	Medium sized tree; spreading	Late September to mid-October	A, B
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Kimbrough	Large fruit; very productive; cold hardy	Large, strong, spreading habit; vigorous	November	A, B
	Louisiana Early	Small to medium fruit; seedless; thin skin; low risk of puffiness in fruit	Medium sized tree; spreading	Late September to mid-October	A, B
	Owari	Medium, orange-red fruit; seedless; high quality fruit; very sweet flavor; productive; drought tolerant and cold hardy	Medium, spreading, vigorous tree	October to December	A, B, C
Orange					
	Hamlin Sweet	Medium, round fruit; seedless; sweet and juicy; productive; cold tolerant	Medium-large; moderately vigorous	November to January	A
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Louisiana Sweet	Medium to large, round fruit; flavorful; many seeds; cold hardy	Large, rounded, bush-like; vigorous	December	A, B
	Moro Blood	Medium-large, round fruit with crimson and orange-colored flesh and skin; sweet and juicy with few seeds	Moderately vigorous; rounded, spreading shape	Late December to February	A
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Pineapple Sweet	Medium, light orange fruit; pineapple flavor; juicy; many seeds	Medium-large; frost sensitive; moderately vigorous	November to January	A

IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Valencia	Medium-large fruit; few seeds; excellent flavor; juicy; most popular variety worldwide	Vigorous, upright habit; prolific	April to June	A
	Washington Navel	Large, deep orange, round fruit with distinctive navel; seedless; thin skin; sweet and juicy; productive; cold tolerant	Large, rounded and spreading	October to December	A, B
Grapefruit					
	Marsh	Large fruit; light yellow peel and flesh; sweet and slightly acidic; seedless; cold tolerant	Large tree	December to May	A, B
	Rio Red	Large fruit; seedless; light yellow peel and deep red flesh; sweet and juicy with few seeds	Hardy and vigorous	November to May	A, B
	Ruby Red	Large fruit; few seeds; yellow peel and red flesh; sweet and juicy	Vigorous; shiny, green foliage	November to May	A, B
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Star Ruby	Large fruit; yellow-orange peel and deep red flesh; thin skin; tart and juicy	Semi dwarf or standard size	October to May	A
Mandarin					
	Ponkan	Medium, deep orange fruit; tangy honey flavor; few seeds and easy to peel; may become puffy when left on the tree; cold hardy to 30 degrees F	Moderately vigorous; upright, weak limbs; dark green, shiny leaves	Mid-December to mid-January	A

Tangerine					
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Clementine	Medium, dark orange-red fruit; seedless; easy to peel; sweet and juicy; cold tolerant	Small tree; requires cross-pollination with another tangerine, tangelo or orange	October to December	A, B
	Dancy	Medium, deep orange fruit; slightly flattened; may dry out when left on the tree; easy to peel	Brittle wood; weak limbs; tendency to overbear; large and vigorous; upright; densely foliated	Mid-December to February	A
	Robinson	Hybrid between Clementine mandarin and Orlando tangelo; medium-large, deep orange fruit; peels easily; rich, sweet flavor	Brittle wood; weak limbs; requires cross-pollination with another tangerine, tangelo or orange	Mid-October to December	A
	Sunburst	Hybrid between Robinson and Osceola tangerines; medium, red-orange fruit; easy to peel; high quality and flavorful; sweet and juicy	Vigorous; upright; requires cross-pollination with another tangerine or tangelo	Late November to December	A
Tangelo					
	Minneola	Medium, orange-red fruit; bell-shaped; few seeds; sweet	Vigorous; requires cross-pollination with another tangelo or tangerine	December to January	A
	Orlando	Hybrid between Duncan grapefruit and Dancy tangerine; medium, light orange fruit; sweet, juicy, easy to peel; many seeds; cold tolerant to 20 degrees F	Moderately vigorous; requires cross-pollination with another tangelo or tangerine	November to January	A, B

Lemon					
	Meyer	Large, lemon yellow fruit; somewhat cold hardy; sweet; few seeds	Medium; everbearing; adaptable	October to December	A, B
Lime					
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Mexican	Medium, green-yellow fruit; few seeds; productive; sweet-tart with thin skin	Thorny and thornless types; small; very cold sensitive	January to December	A
	Persian	Medium, green-yellow fruit; few seeds; thin, smooth skin	Medium; very cold sensitive	January to December	A

Notes: Table reproduces recommendations from LSU AgCenter. Variety descriptions and images compiled from LSU AgCenter, Star Nursery, Citrus.com, and Just Fruits and Exotics.

Other citrus varieties recommended for Louisiana: Ambersweet orange, Marrs Early orange, Henderson/Ray grapefruit, Changsha tangerine, Ponderosa lemon, Eureka lemon.