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INTRODUCING... OREGON TREE FRUIT

Oregon's diverse agricultural landscape offers a bountiful selection of tree fruits, each celebrated for its exceptional quality and flavor profile. From juicy pears to succulent peaches, Oregon's tree fruit industry stands as a testament to the state's fertile soil and favorable climate. Here's a closer look at some of Oregon's most beloved tree fruits:

PEARS (PYRUS COMMUNIS)

The official state fruit, Oregon is renowned for its premium-quality pears, particularly the iconic Hood River Valley and Rogue Valley pears. Oregon produces the second most pears nationwide, with over 14,000 acres (5600 hectares) across nearly 1000 farms dedicated to pear orchards. Oregon produces a remarkable variety of pears, including Bartlett, Green Anjou, Red Anjou, Bosc, and Comice. Oregon's pear industry benefits from the region's temperate climate and volcanic soils, which impart a distinct sweetness and crisp texture to the fruit. Pears are hand-picked beginning in August and, thanks to state-of-the-art storage, ship fresh to customers until the following June. Pears are an iconic part of Oregon's agricultural landscape.

SWEET CHERRIES (PRUNUS AVIUM)

Oregon's sweet cherries are prized for their plumpness, sweetness, and vibrant colors. These cherries are only available for a limited time between June and August when they are harvested. The third largest producer in the nation, sweet cherries are grown across 11,000 acres (4500 hectares). Oregon produces many varieties of sweet cherries that generally come in two colors: dark red and yellow with a blush of red. The region's mild climate and ample sunshine contribute to the exceptional flavor and firm texture of Oregon's sweet cherries, making them a favorite among consumers both locally and internationally.



Tree fruits are packed full of antioxidants, fiber, and wonderful micronutrients like vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, calcium, and folate.

APPLES (MALUS PUMILA)

Oregon's apple orchards showcase an impressive diversity of apple varieties, ranging from classic favorites like Fuji and Gala to heirloom varieties like Gravenstein and Newtown Pippin. With over 5,000 acres (2000 hectares) dedicated to apple cultivation on 1,500 farms, Oregon ranks among the top apple-producing states in the nation. Apples are harvested in the late summer and into the fall depending on the variety. Thanks to carefully managed storage and handling, fresh apples ship to customers throughout the winter and following spring. Apples can be enjoyed fresh, baked into pies, as apple sauce or transformed into cider. However prepared, apples from Oregon embody the essence of the Pacific Northwest's agricultural wonders.

PEACHES (PRUNUS PERSICA)

Oregon's peach orchards flourish in the warm, sunny climates of the southern and eastern regions of the state. The state's peach season typically begins in late July and extends into early September, offering ample opportunities for consumers to savor these delectable fruits at their peak of ripeness. Prized for their consistently warm and sweet juiciness, Oregon's peaches capture the essence of summer in every bite.

PLUMS (PRUNUS DOMESTICA)

Oregon's plum orchards yield a delightful array of plum varieties, ranging from sweet to tart and everything in between. Oregon's plum season typically starts in late summer and extends into early fall, offering a diverse selection of plums for consumers to enjoy. Whether enjoyed fresh, dried, or transformed into jams and sauces, Oregon's plums showcase the state's commitment to quality and flavor in every bite.

CLIMATE SMART CROP

Tree fruit orchards across Oregon are not just producing sweet, delicious food, but they are playing an important role in our environment. The orchards provide years of carbon sequestration. The fruit trees grow deep roots, reducing the need for irrigation as the trees mature. Oregon boasts many trees that are decades old.



Learn More

USA Pears: usapears.org

Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission: osweetcherry.org

NW Cherries: nwcherries.com

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