

NDSU Carrington Field Day

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Recommended Pear Varieties (Based on Experience)

Pear Variety	Type	Origin	Fireblight Resistant	Zone	Ripening Timeframe	Comments
Dabney	Dessert	Tennessee	Yes	4		Russeted, juicy melting
Gourmet	Dessert	SDSU		4	Early September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years. Higher acid pear.
Jung	Dessert			4	Mid-September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years. Gritty.
Luscious	Dessert	SDSU		4	Early September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years. Bartlett-type, juicy and melting
Nova	Dessert			4	Early September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years. Slight anise flavor.
Parker	Dessert	U of M		4	Early September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years
Patten	Dessert	Iowa		3	Early September	Grown on seedling for 20+ years
Sanguinole	Dessert			4	Late August	4th-leaf. Red-fleshed
Schroeder Hardy ND	Dessert					3 rd -year fruit, bears like crazy. Eating and canning.
Sucree de Montlucon	Dessert			4	Late October	4th-leaf. Store 2-3 months
Summercrisp	Dessert			3	mid-August	Grown on seedling for 20+ years
Barland	Perry			4		4th-leaf
Blakeney Red	Perry			4		4th-leaf
Thorn	Perry			4		4th-leaf
Yellow Huffcap	Perry			4		My #1 recommended perry pear variety

Theoretically Recommended Pear Varieties (Based on Research and Anecdote)

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Conference	Dessert	England, 1885	Yes	4	October	Juicy. Melting.
Early Gold	Dessert			3	Early to mid-August	
Ely	Dessert				October	Canning
Golden Spice	Dessert	U of M		3	mid-September	Not recommended for flavor.
Highland	Dessert	1944			Early October	Bartlett x Comice. Smooth flesh, rich flavor.
Juicy Jewel	Dessert	U of M		4	August	New release. Asian pear style
Julienne	Dessert			3	mid-September	Comparable to Bartlett. Self-fertile.
Kieffer	Dessert	Philadelphia, 1853	Yes		Late September	Just planted in 2023. Bartlett x Chinese Sand Pear. Coarse-texture. Musky aroma. Juicy, crisp.
Krazulya	Dessert			3	Mid-to-late August	Flavorful. Juicy, buttery texture. Stores 1-2 weeks.
Loma	Dessert			3	Late August	Early, more acid than typical for pears, fresh eating.
Lorraine	Dessert				Early-September	Sweet and balanced, higher acid than the typical pear.
Stacy	Dessert				August	Cooking, short shelf life
Ure	Dessert	Manitoba, 1978	Yes	3	Mid-August	Cross between the Siberian pear and the European (common) pear. Juicy. Thick skin. Small fruit. Doesn't store well.
Warren	Dessert	Mississippi, 1976	Yes		October	Just planted in 2023. Very juicy. No grit.

Pear Rootstock Choices

- OHF87, top recommendation for size (75% of seedling size) and precocity (earlier to bear)
- OHF97, 100% of seedling size but more precocious
- Seedling

Nurseries

- Fedco [fedco.com](https://www.fedco.com)
- Schlabbach [no website: call \(585\) 798-6198](https://www.schlabbach.com) for a catalog
- St. Lawrence Nurseries [slngrow.com](https://www.slngrow.com)