

## ORDERING GENERAL INFORMATION

You can order any of my apple trees that are already grafted or I can do a custom order for you based on your choice of variety.

Apple trees do not grow true from seeds. So, our fruit trees are grafted each year in February to April and August on dwarfing winter-hardy rootstock. This keeps the size of the tree smaller and helps fruiting earlier. 1 year old grafts (whips) can be expected to produce fruit within 3 years. 2 year old trees and older even sooner. Some varieties are more precocious (meaning they fruit at an earlier age). Size of the tree can be kept as small as 6 feet (with regular pruning) or allowed to reach up to about 12 feet. One year whips are trees that are usually from 2' to 6' tall and are not branched. They ship and transplant with excellent results and are usually the choice of commercial growers.

The benefits of purchasing young bare root trees are many. Bare-root trees grow quicker than containerized ones because the roots are still full-sized and they are planted during dormancy which gives them a head start. You get a piece of mind knowing that the rootstock is cold hardy and has more disease resistance. The bare root trees will have not been grown in a pot, so the roots will be much fuller. Of course, you get to choose from many varieties not available at your local nursery.

Orders can be placed at any time of year. Pick-up or delivery is when the ground is frost-free here which is basically April-November.

If the variety you like is already grafted, then you can receive it right away. If not, I will graft your desired varieties. The grafts will grow over the season and be ready in about 1 year. Or, you could pick up your trees much sooner (even a few weeks), but you will have to protect the grafts as they will still be fresh.

\*\*\* All trees are packaged with planting and care/pruning instructions

**Multi-varieties.** Multi-varieties or multi-grafted trees are perfect because you get 3 or more varieties on one tree. This looks pretty impressive, but more importantly looks after your pollination needs. I graft multi-variety trees with varieties that are able to pollinate each other. More pollination ensures more and better quality apples.

### **Pollination:**

Almost all apples need at least 1 other apple variety close by for pollination. Triploid apples are usually big and tasty varieties of apples, but a triploid needs 2 other varieties nearby to pollinate or if there is a flowering crabapple within about 50 feet, you will be okay. Our multi-varietal trees will be able to pollinate each other too.

**Descriptions:** Although I haven't yet tried some of these varieties as they are still younger, I will attempt to describe them for you based on my knowledge.