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Feed your Family Homegrown Fruit!

By Joe Covington

The only thing better than eating a juicy delicious piece of fruit, is picking it right out of your own backyard. You can successfully grow many types of fruit trees in our area, even with the hot dry Texas summers and heavy clay soils, as long as you plant the right varieties and add the right soil amendments.

Think about the fruit that your family loves to eat, then take your pick from some of these recommended varieties:

Apples - Fuji, Granny Smith, Red and Yellow Delicious

Figs - Brown Turkey, Celeste, Texas Everbearing

Nectarines - Smooth Delight*, Smooth Texan*, Smooth Zest*

Peaches – Ranger, Flat Delight*, Royal Zest*, White Delight*

Pears - Moonglow, Orient

Persimmon - Fuyu, Hachiya, Tamopan, Tane-neshi

Plums - Methley, Morris

Pomegranate - Wonderful

* New easy to grow, early ripening varieties developed by Texas A&M for Texas gardeners!

The figs, nectarines, and peaches listed above are self-fertile and need no pollinator to produce. Other fruit trees shown may require a pollinator, so let us know if you have any questions.

When planting, mix in Covington's Soil Builder which contains compost, greensand, and expanded shale to break up clay, add nutrients, and retain moisture in the soil. Your trees will love it!

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