



USDA Pear Cultivars

'Magness'



- Excellent flavor and texture, similar to 'Comice'
- Almost immune to shoot and flower infection by fire blight. Trunk and scaffolds can be infected through wounds.
- Pollen-sterile; cannot be used as a pollinizer
- Not an early bearer; a bit better on quince rootstock
- Matures in early September; keeps to December
- Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

'Moonglow'



- Good flavor – mild and subacid
- Fine, buttery, moderately juicy, nearly grit-free texture
- Highly resistant to fire blight
- Productive and bears early
- Vigorous, upright, heavily spurred tree
- Matures 7 days after 'Bartlett'
- Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

'Dawn'



- Excellent flavor and texture
- Early maturing – early August
- Short storage life – get it while it's good
- Moderate resistance to fire blight.
- Released in 1960 by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

'Potomac'



- Aromatic sub-acid flavor
- Buttery, juicy texture
- Highly resistant to fire blight
- Matures 2 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- Stores 2 months without superficial scald or core breakdown
- Vigorous upright-spreading habit
- Released in 1993 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University.

'Blake's Pride'



- Aromatic flavor and aroma, similar to 'Comice'
- Highly resistant to fire blight
- Matures 2 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- Stores for 3-4 months without core breakdown
- Moderately vigorous upright-spreading
- Released in 1998 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University

'Shenandoah'



- Aromatic, sub-acid to acid flavor; mellows in storage
- Large fruit size
- Fire blight resistance equal to 'Seckel'
- Late maturing: Harvest 4 to 5 weeks after 'Bartlett'
- Stores 5 months without core breakdown or superficial scald
- Released in 2002 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and The Ohio State University

'Sunrise'



- Aromatic, sweet flavor; high consumer sensory ratings
- Productive
- Moderately resistant to fire blight
- Matures 2 weeks before 'Bartlett' (Clapp's season)
- Stores for 2-3 months without core breakdown
- Released in 2006 by USDA-ARS-AFRS and Ohio State University

'Gem'



- Early bearing and productive
- Good fruit quality and appearance – good consumer acceptance
- Can be eaten crisp or softened
- Long storage (5 months) with little loss of firmness or quality
- Resistant to storage scald
- Moderate fire blight resistance
- Long harvest period – 3 weeks without loss of storage, beginning in early September
- Moderate fruit size – Improved by thinning or delayed harvest
- Joint release with Oregon State University, Michigan State University and Clemson University, 2013

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