

USDA-ARS Pear Cultivar Releases



'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 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 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 and The Ohio State University



'Sunrise'

- **Aromatic, sweet to subacid flavor**
- **Very attractive, 20% red blush common**
- **Medium fruit size, productive tree**
- **Fire blight resistance equal to 'Seckel'**
- **Early maturing: Harvest 2 to 3 weeks before 'Bartlett', just before 'Clapp's Favorite'**
- **Stores 3 months without core breakdown**

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