

Yellow/Golden Delicious Apple



Fruit trees are no longer just for the orchard, consider incorporating them in your landscape. Not only do you have a flowering tree in the spring but the benefit of home grown fruit in late summer and fall.

Malus pumila 'Yellow/Golden Delicious'

- **Use:** The large, golden fruit of the yellow delicious apple tree ripens late, developing a fine, sweet flavor. While they are best known as fresh-eating apples, yellow delicious also work well for pies, applesauce, and preserves. They also store well, keeping 3–6 months if refrigerated. ***Please be sure to read the Home Garden Apples article from UGA on our Plant Information Page on the website. There is too much information to print here. These trees were locally grown!***
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sunlight, and plenty of it, is a key to increasing fruit production. Pick an area where the trees will be in the sun most or all of the day. The early morning sun is particularly important because it dries the dew from the leaves thereby reducing the incidence of diseases. If the planting site does not get plenty of sun, then you can't expect the best performance from the tree. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** Mature height 12-15 ft. Plant at 20 ft apart.
- **Hardiness:** 6-10; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Pink buds open to white flowers in the spring and by September and October the golden yellow skin fruit begins to ripen. Sweet, full of flavor eaten fresh and in desserts. Excellent pollinator for other apples trees blooming at the same time. Has a chill hours (CU) requirement of 600–700. (Chill hours are the average hours of air temperature between 32° and 45° F in a typical winter season.)

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