



The Backyard Orchard – Citrus

Module 1.3 - Satsumas



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What is a Satsuma?

- Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu*) is native to China and the number one citrus grown in Japan.
- Satsuma was brought to the U.S. in the 1700's from Japan by Jesuits who planted groves upriver from New Orleans.
- Ripe fruit can be harvested from late September through January/February depending on variety.
- The most common commercial citrus in Louisiana



What is a Satsuma?

- Trees grow 15'-20' tall and nearly as wide.
- Fruits are slightly flattened spheres and vary in size depending on variety, but all have a thin loose rind that makes them easy to peel.
- Many varieties are seedless.
- Must be harvested by clipping the stem to prevent rind damage.
- Over 100 cultivars have been developed.



Owari



- Most widely available/grown variety
- Matures mid-season November to December
- Seedless fruit
- Mature size ca. 8'-12' tall and 10' wide
- Fruit doesn't store well on the tree



Brown Select



- Medium to large fruit, mostly seedless
- Matures October to November
- Fruit keeps well on trees without becoming puffy
- Trees are large and open branching 12'-14' tall



LA Early



- Ripens September - October
- Small to medium seedless juicy fruit.
- Mature height around 20'
- Fruit does not store well on the tree
- Developed in LA



Early St. Ann



- Medium sized seedless fruit
- Ripens September - October
- Tree mature size is slightly larger than LA Early



Seto

- Developed at Texas A&M
- Large, mostly seedless fruit, with smooth skin over 3" in diameter
- Mature tree 10'–12' tall x 6' wide
- Fruit ripens October to November
- Reported to be cold hardy to 10°F for short periods



Miho

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- Large, mostly seedless fruit, with smooth skin over 3" in diameter
- Mature tree 8'–12' tall x 6' wide
- Fruit ripens October to November
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Orange Frost



- Developed at Texas A&M
- Mature size 8'-10 ft tall and 8'-10' wide
- Fruit has 1-2 seeds per fruit
- Not Grafted, propagated by cuttings.
- Large 3" fruit
- Has been reliably grown in Zone 8

Arctic Frost



- Developed at Texas A&M
- Mature size 8'-12 ft tall and 8'-12' wide
- Fruit has 1-2 seeds per fruit
- Not Grafted, propagated by cuttings.
- Large 3"-4" fruit
- Has been reliably grown in Zone 8
- Reported cold hardy to 9°F





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