

What's New From the U

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An update from the University of Minnesota's Fruit Breeding Program about two new varieties that are being released; a scab resistant apple and a winter hardy asian pear. The new names will be revealed for the first time.



Apple breeder and research scientist at the University of Minnesota for over 40 years. During that time he has been involved in the development and introduction of multiple fruit varieties including strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, pears, plums and apples. He has been involved with the development and introduction of six apple varieties from the University of Minnesota: Honeycrisp, Zestar!, SnowSweet, SweeTango, Frostbite and FirstKiss/Rave. His job sometimes requires him to taste up to 500 apples per day as part of his duties to evaluate the 20,000 apple trees generated by the University of Minnesota apple breeding program.