

Royal and Golden Zest Peaches

The Zest peach series is being released by Texas A&M University to provide firm, attractive, yellow-fleshed, high quality peaches for the medium chill zone. These new peach cultivars would supply a series of peaches over 5 weeks from mid May until late July in the medium chill zone of Texas and similar regions.

Productivity: These peach cultivars have cropped consistently in the region where 'TexRoyal', 'JuneGold' and 'Harvester' are grown commercially.

Size: Medium to large depending on the number of fruit left on the tree.

Quality: Traditional acidity. Excellent.

Flesh: These have firm yellow flesh.

Ripening season: Ripen consecutively from mid May to late June in the medium chill zone of Texas.

Chilling requirement: Based on the relative bloom times of standard cultivars, these new peaches need between 500 and 600 chilling units (CU). The latest blooming releases RZ1, RZ4, and GZ require 600 chilling hours, whereas RZ3 requires 550 chilling hours and RZ2 requires about 500 chilling hours to break dormancy.

Availability: Budwood available under license for budding in 2013.

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Royal Zest One
Mid May



Royal Zest Two
Early June



Royal Zest Three – Early to Mid June



Royal Zest Four – Mid to Late June



Golden Zest – Late June