EARLY RIPENING CITRUS VARIETIES

Sweet Oranges

Skaggs Bonanza

Washington Navel

Dec.-Apr.

Trovita

Feb. – June Dec.-May

Blood Oranges

Moro

Feb.-Apr.

Tarocco

Mar-May

Sour Oranges

Chinotto & Seville

Jan-Mar

All Lemon Varieties can be harvested year-round

Grapefruit

Oroblanco & Melogold

Jan-Apr.

Limes

Bearss

Aug. - Mar.

Mexican

Aug. - Dec.

Mandarins

Satsuma

Dec.-Apr.

Tangelos

Minneola

Mar. - May

Kumquat

Meiwa & Nagami

Jan. - Apr.

Limequat

Tavares

Dec.-Jul.

Orangequat

Nippon

Dec.-Sep.

Pummelo

Chandler & Reinking

Apr. – Jun.

Citron

Buddha's Hand

ever-bearing

Etrog

VARIETIES MOST TO LEAST SENSITIVE TO FROST

(MOST SENSITIVE) Citron – Mexican lime – lemon – grapefruit, pummelo – tangelo, tangor & sweet orange – sour orange – Satsuma mandarin & Meyer lemon – kumquat (LEAST SENSITIVE)

When to Fertilize

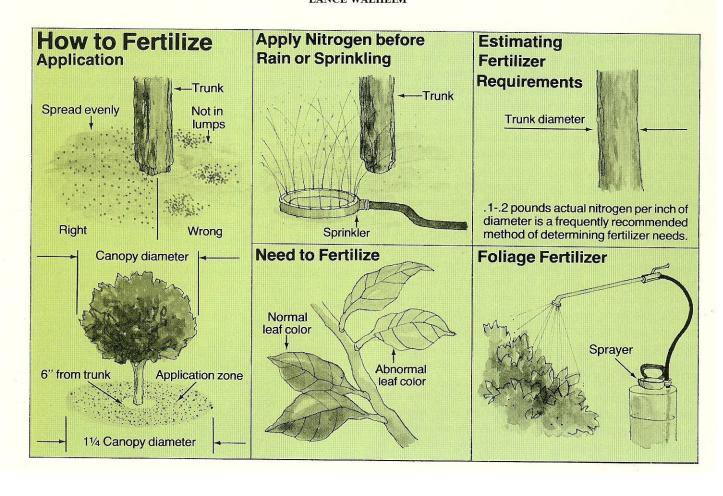


Spread fertilizer on soil.

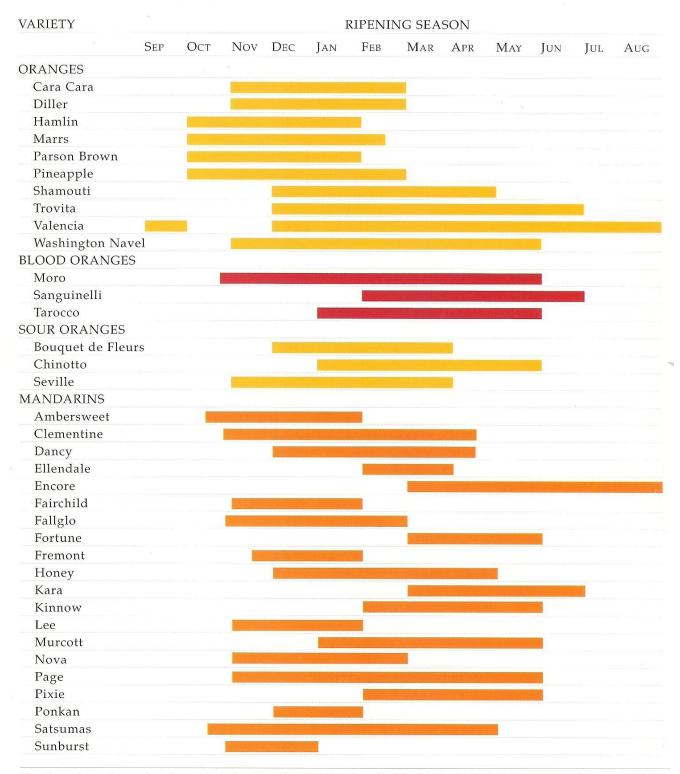


January	February	March	April
In soil:			Micronutrients if needed
In container:			Micronutrients if needed
May	June	July	August
In soil:			
In container:			
September	October	November	December
In soil:			
In container:			

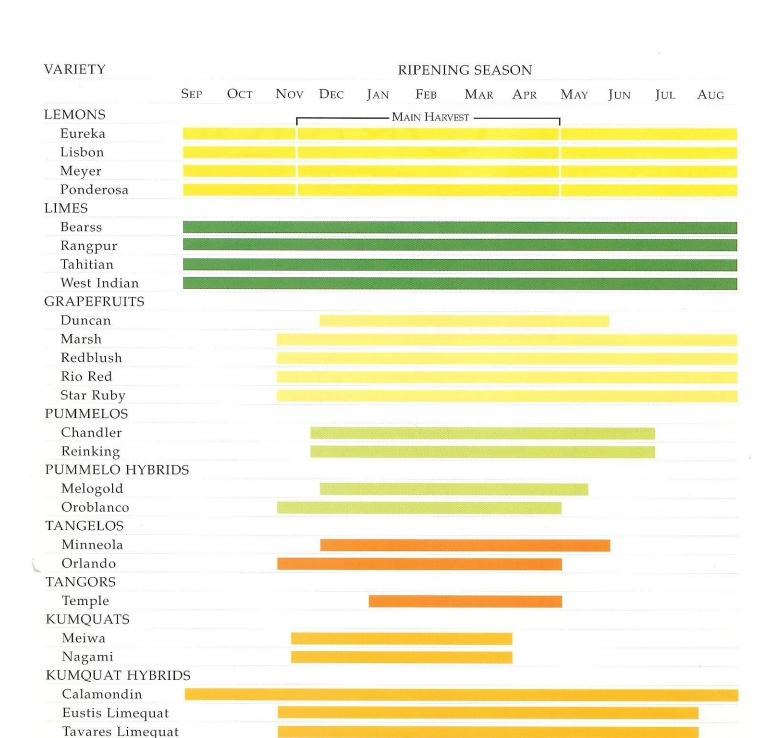
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Citrus Selection Guide



The chart above shows ripening periods for the major varieties described in this book. Each ripening period combines dates for all climate zones, so use the chart for comparison purposes only. A variety grown in a warm climate will ripen well before the same variety grown in a cooler region. For example, a Valencia orange may be edible in February when grown in the low-elevation desert of California, but fruit of a Valencia planted near the coast won't be sweet enough to eat until at least April. Ripening periods tend to vary year to year and can be influenced by the microclimates in which they are grown.



In addition, some varieties listed may not be adapted to all areas. To learn specific ripening dates for each of the seven citrus climates in the U.S. (see map, pages 16-17) refer to the variety descriptions and the "Adapted Regions and Harvest Seasons" charts. The chart above is especially useful if your goal is to select and plant varieties that will provide the longest possible harvest period throughout the year. For example, a planting of an early ripening Satsuma with midseason Honey and late-season Encore would allow you to harvest mandarins throughout the growing season.

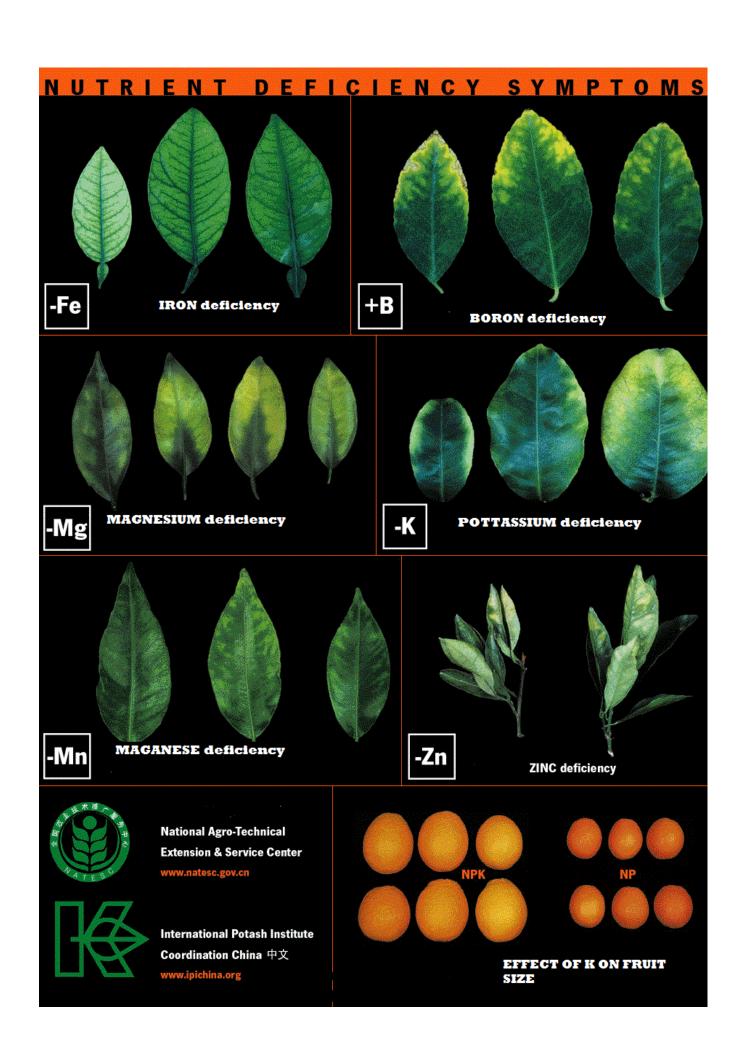
Nippon Orangequat

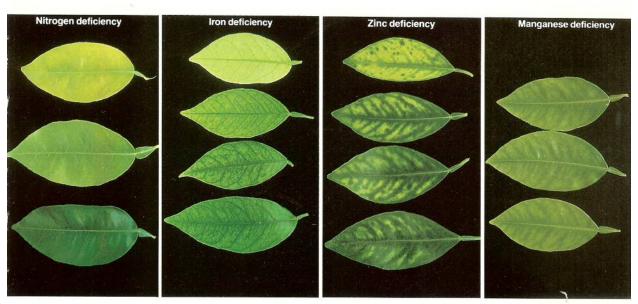
Citrangequat

Buddha's hand

CITRONS

Etrog





Nitrogen deficiency causes yellowing in older, lower leaves first. The plant's ability to absorb iron, zinc and manganese is more important than quantity present in the soil. Soil pH, water conditions and temperature strongly affect their availability. Deficiency symptoms of iron, zinc and manganese generally occur in newest growth first.

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