

## CHERRIES FOR THE BACKYARD IN MICHIGAN

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Dark fleshed varieties (Bing type) in regular type, light fleshed varieties (Rainier type) in *italics*

### Sweet Cherries

	<b>Good site in fruit growing region</b>	<b>Southern Michigan not in fruit growing region</b>	<b>Northern lower MI &amp; UP<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>Early</b>	Cavalier	Cavalier	Hartland <sup>3</sup>
<b>Early-mid</b>	Kristin <sup>2</sup> Ulster <sup>2</sup> Summit BlackGold <sup>1</sup> <i>Emperor Francis</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>WhiteGold</i> <sup>1</sup>	Kristin <sup>2</sup> Ulster <sup>2</sup> BlackGold <sup>1</sup> Sam <i>Emperor Francis</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>WhiteGold</i> <sup>1</sup>	Kristin <sup>2,4</sup> Ulster    <i>WhiteGold</i> <sup>1</sup>
<b>Late-mid</b>	Attika <sup>3</sup> Schmidt	Schmidt	Hedelfingen Windsor <sup>5</sup> <i>Gold</i> <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>Late</b>	Regina Hudson	Regina Hudson	

### Tart Cherries

<b>Early</b>			
<b>Mid</b>	Danube <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Late</b>	Montmorency <sup>1</sup> Balaton <sup>1</sup>	Montmorency <sup>1</sup> Balaton <sup>1</sup>	NorthStar <sup>1</sup>

1. Self-fruitful variety so a second variety is not required for pollination. Self-fruitful sweet cherries will pollinate any other sweet variety.
2. Kristin, Ulster & Emperor Francis will not cross pollinate each other.
3. Hartland, Attika & Gold will not cross pollinate each other.
4. Gold & Kristin have exceptional hardiness.
5. Windsor lacks fruit quality but is very hardy.
6. No sweet cherry will survive in areas of northern lower or upper Michigan that typically experience the coldest winter temperatures.

Common varieties not suited to Michigan's climate include Rainier, Bing, Lapins, Lambert, Stella and Royalton.

For more information about these and other varieties, visit our web site at [www.maes.msu.edu/nwmihort](http://www.maes.msu.edu/nwmihort)  
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