

Apache

Type - Thornless, erect.

Date of Release - 1998; plant patent #11,865.

Fruit Size - Largest of the Arkansas thornless; up to 10 grams/berry.

Flavor/Sweetness - Very good, rated between that of **Arapaho** and **Navaho**; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 10.7 percent.

Yield - Highest yielding of the thornless options in research trials.

Maturity Date - Ripens beginning approximately June 20 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for about five weeks. Ripening season is near that of **Navaho**.

Disease Resistance - Not tested for resistance to double blossom/rosette, but could have same resistance as Navaho and **Arapaho** due to parentage; no orange rust observed; no anthracnose observed.

Comments - Fruit storage and handling potential good, similar to **Arapaho**; hardiness similar to other Arkansas thornless; root cutting sprouting or propagation potential appears higher than other thornless.

