

Chickasaw

Type - Thorny, erect.

Date of Release - 1998; plant patent #11,861.

Fruit Size - Large, averaging 10 to 11 grams/berry.

Flavor/Sweetness - Good, rated between that of **Shawnee** and **Choctaw**; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 9.6 percent.

Yield - High yields, surpassing all other cultivars in some research plantings.

Maturity Date - Ripens beginning approximately June 10 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for five to six weeks. Ripening season is near that of **Shawnee**.

Disease Resistance - Not tested for resistance to double blossom/rosette but not expected to be resistant; no orange rust observed; slight anthracnose observed in one year on early-ripening berries.

Comments - Storage and handling potential exceeds that of **Shawnee**, the cultivar that Chickasaw is intended to replace; hardiness similar to **Shawnee** in research trials; root cutting sprouting and propagation potential good.

