

## Choctaw

**Type** - Thorny, erect.

**Date of Release** - 1989; not under plant patent, expired

**Fruit Size** - Medium, averaging 5 grams/berry.

**Flavor/Sweetness** - Good, rated highest of all thorny varieties; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 8.7 percent.

**Yield** - High yields in most years, occasionally exceeding **Shawnee**, but yields more variable in some locations and years.

**Maturity Date** - Earliest ripening Arkansas variety, ripening beginning approximately May 30 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for four weeks.

**Disease Resistance** - Susceptible to double blossom/ rosette; orange rust resistant; no anthracnose observed.

**Comments** - Storage and handling potential similar to **Shawnee**; not recommended for storage over one to two days or for shipping due to softness of berries; slightly less hardy than other Arkansas varieties; seed size smallest of the Arkansas varieties; root cutting sprouting and propagation potential good.

