

Kiowa

Type - Thorny, erect.

Date of Release - 1996; plant patent #9861.

Fruit Size - Largest of the Arkansas varieties; averaging 11 grams/berry, with some berries up to 13 grams.

Flavor/Sweetness - Good, rated between that of **Shawnee** and **Choctaw**; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 10 percent.

Yield - High usually equal to or slightly lower than **Shawnee**.

Maturity Date - Ripens beginning approximately June 12 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for six weeks, the longest fruiting of the Arkansas varieties.

Disease Resistance - Reports of double blossom/rosette have been limited to date, but not expected to be resistant; no orange rust verified; slight anthracnose observed in one year of testing.

Comments - Storage and handling potential very good, among the best of the thorny varieties exceeding **Shawnee** or **Choctaw**; hardiness similar to other Arkansas varieties; root cutting sprouting and propagation potential good.

