

## Osage

**Type** - Thornless, erect..

**Date of Release** - 2012; plant patent to be applied for.

**Fruit Size** - Medium sized, average 4.4 to 5.5 g, smaller than that of 'Natchez' but comparable to that of 'Ouachita'

**Flavor/Sweetness** - Consistently good, comparable to higher ratings of 'Ouachita'; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 11.2%

**Yield** - Yields comparable to or higher than 'Ouachita' or 'Natchez' in replicated plantings.

**Maturity Date** - Ripens mid-early averaging around 10 June, between 'Natchez' and 'Ouachita'.

**Disease Resistance** - No substantial common diseases observed; no orange rust observed; very limited fruit anthracnose observed; no double blossom/rosette observed.

**Comments** - Consistently good flavor, even when other cultivars were lacking; consistently high yields; excellent storage potential for the shipping market. Intended to complement **Ouachita** for the mid-early season and allow more variety diversity for growers.

