

AKANE

Akane is a cross between the American Jonathan and the English Worcester Pearmain. In appearance it most closely resembles the Worcester Pearmain. It is one of the best early apples. This medium-sized apple is a very pretty bright red over yellow-white, slightly conical and slightly ribbed. It is decorated with irregular, small, light lenticels. Dense white flesh, very crisp, very juicy. Balanced flavor of sweet and tart, reflecting Jonathan heritage.

Akane ripens late August - early September. Like most early varieties the apples do not keep that long, however they hang on the tree rather than falling and can be picked over a number of weeks.



Uses

Flavor quality - **Very good**

Flavor style - **Sweet/Sharp**

Good for eating fresh, juice, **drying**

Picking season – **Early to mid-season**
(September 1 – 30)

Use / keeping - **1 week**

Growing

Cropping - **Good**

Fertility - **Self-fertile**

Flowering group - **3**

Precocity - **Precocious**

Disease resistance – **Good; resistant to mildew, scab and fire-blight.**

Vigor – **(T-2) moderate**

How to grow Akane apple trees

Akane is not a heavy cropper, but it is generally reliable. Spur-bearer. It is quite precocious and it comes into bearing on the more dwarf rootstocks after 2-3 years. This variety is mildew, scab and fire blight resistant. The leaves have a yellowish tinge. Tree habit is upright.

Fruit size can be small - it is a good idea to thin the fruitlets in late spring to encourage fewer / larger apples. This will also improve the flavor.

Akane can be considered a low-chill, requiring about 800 chill hours, but is considered cold-hardy.

Pollination for Akane

Akane is in flowering group 3 (mid to late season bloom). It is **self-fertile** but will benefit from a pollination partner nearby.

Historical details

Developed at the Morioka Experimental Station, Japan, 1937. A cross between Jonathan and Worcester Pearmain. Sometimes known as Tokyo Rose.

