

# **The Calmont Proposal for Immediate Nationwide Job Creation**

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## **How to Raise the Spirit of the Economic Stimulus Plan!**

### **Abstract**

[Details and logistics of the Calmont Fruit Distribution Program can also be viewed  
via YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc9nnHIBZzg>  
and at <http://www.calmontschool.org/news.html>

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There is surplus fruit in every city and rural area in this country. In the cities, homeowners often do not pick all or sometimes any of the fruit or nuts on trees in their yards. We've all seen this; the fruit falls to the ground and becomes a nuisance. There are public lands such as parks, utility properties, historical sites, even college campuses where the fruit is not picked. There are farmlands where surplus produce is not "gleaned." People could be put to work picking that fruit and delivering it to an existing network of food banks. These food banks are seeing a significant increase in need, being driven by newly economically-devastated individuals and families. In this unsolicited proposal we will make the case that

picking surplus fruit in neighborhoods across the country could be a great initiator of the Economic Stimulus effort. It could happen quickly, it's very visual, has immediate benefits and could set a can-do attitude for the economic recovery of this nation!

## **About Us**

We are a unique combination of Directors of a 20-year community-involvement organization in Southern California called Rhapsody in Green and students at an exceptional school in Calabasas, California: Calmont School. This unusual "Think Tank" has created an atmosphere of youthful energy and creativity mixed with decades of on-the-ground experience. We have prepared this plan as volunteers in the spirit of President Obama's request that we all get involved and work together. While we don't expect to play a role in this program's administration, we are available if the story of the program's unique "beginning" is deemed promotionally useful.

As Directors of a nonprofit organization called Rhapsody in Green, Jon Earl and Ellen Petty have organized and carried out more than 400 community projects in the field of environmental restoration. In 1995 they were presented in person with a "Special Award" from U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt for their work. Along the way (mostly because no other organization was doing it) they have been the most active organization in Southern California at picking neighborhood surplus fruit---more than 250,000 lbs. to date---but, we've always only scratched the surface, picking less than 1% of what's available. (Most recent project: 3,000 lbs. of oranges and grapefruits last Saturday, January 24, 2009). All of it was donated to food banks for distribution to the poor and homeless.

### *Little Rock, Arkansas*

*"Last September (2008) I noticed that our neighbors, two-doors down, had a tree just full of ripe pears. They weren't picking even*

*one of them. I knocked on their door. That's the first time I ever talked to them---they keep to themselves. They said I could have as many as I wanted. I picked about twelve bags full. I didn't even have to climb a ladder. I ended up giving them to all my neighbors."*

*Jim Porter (age 40)*

*(As told to Jon Earl on 1/25/09)*

## **Program Overview**

The Calmont Proposal answers two aspects of the daunting economic challenge of today. People would be hired all across the country, thousands of people, to pick neighborhood surplus fruit and take it to existing food banks for distribution to the growing numbers of poor and needy. This instant and highly visible increase in employment could give a life-saving jolt to the economy. Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the U.S. economy. If this program triggered any kind of associated increase in consumer spending, or any emotional rise of "hope" or "expectation" that new solutions and new energy can sometimes provide, no matter how small, "a 'butterfly effect' could take place," says Joey, a Calmont 7<sup>th</sup> Grader. "Anything could happen!" The program will have to involve one or two government agencies to provide office space, tool storage space, carry-out the "hiring" process, and provide trucks and drivers.

## **Logistics**

1. A Publicity Campaign alerts the public to an exciting new program that will put people back to work, feed the needy, and encourage confidence in our leadership and in our economy.
2. People who have a tree (or trees) with lots of fruit call a certain phone #.
3. A Coordinator takes phone calls, collects pertinent information and sets appointments for work crews to go to the people's homes and pick fruit.

4. Work crews pick the fruit, load into boxes or barrels on a truck and possibly help unload the fruit at food banks.

## **Project Initiation and Management**

A traveling “Project Initiation Team” (Might that be: P.I.T., like a fruit “pit” that contains the very seed to grow more fruit?):

1. Sets-up Office and Tool Storage Space (Department of Labor--- Employment and Training Administration?)
2. Sets-up a working relationship with a government agency (State Parks?) for availability of trucks and drivers.
3. Hires Coordinators and Supervisors.
4. Assembles Tool Supply: Pole-Pickers and other Picking Devices
  - Work Gloves
  - Tarps
  - Buckets (5 gal.)
  - Water Jugs (Workers bring own cup)
  - First Aid Kits
  - Port-a-Toilet Rental
5. Hires first Work Crew employees.
6. Oversees first Work Crew Trainings.
7. Sends out scaled Press Releases.

## **Potential Agency Partnerships**

**Department of Labor---The Employment and Training Administration** administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs. They have a nationwide presence. They could administer the employee recruitment process and either provide office space or identify government agencies or companies in every area that have had significant layoffs and also have office space to host the Calmont Program.

**State Parks Departments---**Generally speaking, State Parks Departments have been hard-hit by the economic downturn.

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**    September 7, 2008  
THE STATE OF OUR STATE PARKS

From perilous budget cuts to innovative thinking on revenue, the nation's state park directors face a mountain of challenges. Every week, the national news seems to bring more bad news about state parks.

**The Arizona Guardian** Friday, January 30, 2009:  
(Arizona) State Parks Director Ken Travous said Friday he laid off all seasonal workers—about 60 people in all...

We've chosen a government agency that we're familiar with: State Parks Departments. State Parks Departments are well-situated for this program with office and work sites near every major city in the country. These agencies have trucks, drivers, phones, assembling space...and generally they either have been laying-off or furloughing employees or have significant maintenance needs or have threatened to close parks. We see Stimulus money going to these agencies to re-hire employees (saving jobs) who would work half-time at their old job and half-time to drive trucks, ---or there may be a ratio other than 50/50 that is more workable. Or, monies could go to maintenance or to help keep parks open and in return secure the use of trucks and drivers. Arrangements with State Parks have to be made, of course, with the Governor of each state.

## **Food Banks**

Alex, a Calmont 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, has found more than 240 food banks in Washington State alone. There are thousands of food banks across the nation that could be networked into this program, happy to put fresh produce on their shelves for hungry people, as fresh produce is not donated as much as processed, prepackaged food.

“Feeding America” is a network of food banks that provide food assistance to more than 25 million low-income people per year---that includes 9 million children.  
(We have not contacted “Feeding America” about this proposal.)

Feeding America  
Vicki B. Escarra

President and CEO  
800.771.2303

## **Unemployment Remediation**

We see three aspects to our program that provide significant unemployment remediation. Crew Members who pick fruit would be the largest group and do not need special qualifications beyond a certain level of physical-fitness. They could be chosen from the general unemployment pool.

A government agency such as State Parks Departments that could see a reversal of the effects of the current trend toward budget cuts or increased work furloughs and layoffs.

Another government agency, we're recommending, the Department of Labor---Employment and Training Administration could provide office space and all the employment recruitment services. People will have to be hired to provide those services. This federal agency is located all around the country and its specific mission is to put people to work.

## **Program Advantages**

The Calmont Program could be initiated very quickly! One of the current major complaints about the Economic Stimulus Plan is that it won't be able to be activated quickly enough. Many people agree that with the escalating unemployment, every day counts!

This program presents very low risk. It could be started and field-tested inexpensively---beginning with just one work crew.

This work force is quickly adjustable. If there is more fruit and nuts than current workers can handle, new workers, even in significant numbers could be hired and with minimal training, be put to work within days.

There's reason to think that media attention from early projects would hasten participation by more homeowners to call and donate food from their trees.

“Picking fruit” is an uplifting activity. You can see that a need is being met, both to feed people and to prevent food from going to waste. We believe that the visuals showing people working together in a new way, will garner public attention and “play well” in the media. Morale is raised. A major aspect of the current economic collapse has been the disintegration of “confidence.” At the same time there’s decreased faith that federally-appropriated funds will end up in the right hands.

### **“Economic Victory Gardens”**

In World War II, the U.S. Government turned to its citizens and encouraged them to plant their own fruits and vegetables. Nearly 20 million Americans answered the call to plant “Victory Gardens.” Neighbors pooled their resources, planted different kinds of food and formed cooperatives, all in the name of patriotism. These gardens were considered a morale booster--- gardeners felt empowered by their contribution. Today in 2009, the slightly different program we propose is a call to donate the fruits, nuts, and yes, even vegetables growing in citizens’ yards. The victory we propose is the victory of economic recovery!

There could be an educational component to this program instructing homeowners in what fruit and nut trees could be planted in their area and how they could be maintained. ReviveTheVictoryGarden.org reports: “Today, our food travels an average of 1,500 miles from farm to table. Planting an “Economic” Victory Garden would fight global warming by reducing the amount of pollution your food contributes to Global Warming. The process of planting, fertilizing, processing, packaging, and transporting our food uses a great deal of energy and contributes to the cause of global warming.”

Looking further, the Calmont Proposal sets-up a unique government/homeowner relationship and office/transportation/work-force structure that could be a prototype for other environmentally-conscious programs such as “weatherization”

projects. Again, these projects could increase employment, and the community benefit this time would be an economic boost to homeowners through long-term reduction in energy bills.

## **Legal Resources**

There is a federal *Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act* and state codes such as for example: *California Code Section 58501-58509* to encourage the donation of food products to nonprofit organizations (the food banks) for distribution to needy individuals. The provisions waive donors of their liability for injuries by gleaners/harvesters in the process of collecting the food (except for gross negligence or intentional misconduct).

### ***Response of a Food Bank Director***

*After hearing about the Calmont Surplus Fruit Program:  
“We tried this a few years ago (backyard harvesting). ‘Safety’ became the biggest issue for me. I eventually got ‘cold feet’ when I started to envision people falling off ladders and rooftops. Otherwise this is one more way that ties a lot of people together who want to help with an increasing number of people in need.”*

*Bruce Rankin  
Executive Director  
Westside Food Bank  
Santa Monica, California  
310.828.6016 x13*

*Our Response:  
The Calmont Proposal calls for a strict rule of absolutely no ladders or climbing of any kind: that’s ladder-climbing, tree-climbing or roof-climbing! As you’ll see in the next section, the most successful backyard harvesting organization in the country, Village Harvest, doesn’t use ladders.*

## **Current State of “Backyard Harvesting”**

There are organizations that already do “backyard harvesting.” Perhaps the largest is “Village Harvest” in the Santa Clara Valley of California. Last year they harvested 121,000 lbs of fruit! They

do not allow any climbing of ladders. As they explain: “Extension Fruit Pickers can harvest up to 20 feet without getting on a ladder.” Village Harvest has a very sophisticated and efficient database and tracking program. It would be wise to get Village Harvest onboard as advisors to any nationwide harvesting effort.

Contact: Joni Diserens  
Director  
Village Harvest  
Santa Clara Valley, California  
888.FRUIT411

“North Berkeley Harvest” picked 7,000 lbs. of fruit in their first year, 2008.

Natasha Boissier  
Director  
North Berkeley Harvest  
Berkeley, California  
510.812.3369

“Community Harvest of Southwest Seattle” picked more than 4,000 lbs. last year.

Aviva Furman  
Director  
Community Harvest of Southwest Seattle  
206.762.0604

Others: Backyard Harvest Project: Amy Grey Moscow, Idaho  
208.882.5561 x234

Relationships could be established with these organizations. The goal would be to not put a damper on their efforts. Some of their needs could be addressed such as providing an employment position for the duration of the Calmont Program and then when the Program ends, they could be given tools and the community contacts.

No one knows how much fruit and nuts are available across the country. The program starts small and would expand according to how much fruit is available.

## **Program Could Begin Immediately!**

Because there are some states that harvest fruit year-round this program could start within weeks of its approval. All states could be involved by this summer, 2009! Once a traveling Project Initiation Team is in place, they could set-up a complete program and have it fully running in two weeks.

## **List of Fruits and Nuts State-By-State**

The list of types of fruits that are grown in people's yards is much longer than the list of types of fruits commercially-grown in this country. Calmont student Rory McCleery has discovered the fact that "gardeners always want to grow the plants that are just out of range." Student Clara Cleveland defines the challenge: "Late spring frosts make certain fruits more challenging to grow." Still, home-gardeners and orchardists continue to try new varieties---and hardier varieties are constantly being developed. Hall's Hardy almond and the Ten-Degree Tangerine have expanded those crops' range. Undoubtedly there are more fruit and nut crops grown in these states than are shown here.

We list the "Top Three Cities," population-wise because this is where most of the unemployed will be found.

### **Alabama**

Top Three Cities: Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Almonds       | 10. Grapes       |
| 2. Apples        | 11. Pawpaws      |
| 3. Apricots      | 12. Peaches      |
| 4. Blackberries  | 13. Pears        |
| 5. Blueberries   | 14. Pecans       |
| 6. Cherries      | 15. Plums        |
| 7. Citrus fruits | 16. Pomegranates |
| 8. Crabapples    | 17. Raspberries  |
| 9. Figs          | 18. Walnuts      |

**HARVEST TIME: May---October**

**Alaska**

Top Three Cities: Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Apples                          | 6. Pears (Anchorage, Juneau) |
| 2. Apricots (Anchorage, Juneau)    | 7. Plums                     |
| 3. Blueberries (Anchorage, Juneau) | 8. Raspberries               |
| 4. Cherries (Anchorage, Juneau)    |                              |
| 5. Crabapples                      |                              |

**HARVEST TIME: August--September**

**Arizona**

Top Three Cities: Phoenix, Tucson, and Mesa.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Almonds            | 11. Grapes             |
| 2. Apples             | 12. Hazelnuts (Tucson) |
| 3. Apricots           | 13. Olives             |
| 4. Blackberries       | 14. Peaches            |
| 5. Blueberries        | 15. Pears              |
| 6. Chestnuts (Tucson) | 16. Pecans             |
| 7. Citrus fruits      | 17. Pistachio nuts     |
| 8. Crabapples         | 18. Plums              |
| 9. Figs               | 19. Raspberries        |
| 10. Filberts (Tucson) | 20. Walnuts (Tucson)   |

**HARVEST TIME: June---October**

**Arkansas**

Top Three Cities: Little Rock, Fort Smith, and Fayetteville.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apricots     | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 16. Raspberries |

- 8. Figs
- 9. Filberts
- 17. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **California**

Top Three Cities: Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Jose.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

- 1. Almonds
- 2. Apples
- 3. Apricots
- 4. Avocados
- 5. Blackberries
- 6. Blueberries
- 7. Cherries (San Jose)
- 8. Chestnuts (San Jose)
- 9. Citrus
- 10. Crabapples
- 11. Figs
- 12. Grapes
- 13. Macadamia Nuts
- 14. Olives
- 15. Peaches
- 16. Pears
- 17. Pecans
- 18. Plums
- 19. Raspberries
- 20. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **January-December!**

## **Colorado**

Top Three Cities: Denver, Colorado Springs and Aurora.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

- 1. Almonds
- 2. Apples
- 3. Apricots
- 4. Blackberries
- 5. Blueberries
- 6. Cherries
- 7. Chestnuts
- 8. Crabapples
- 9. Filberts
- 10. Grapes
- 11. Hazelnuts
- 12. Peaches
- 13. Pears
- 14. Pecans
- 15. Plums
- 16. Raspberries
- 17. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Connecticut**

Top Three Cities: Bridgeport, New Haven, and Hartford.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches      |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums       |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries |
| 6. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts     |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |
| 8. Pawpaws      |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Delaware**

Top Three Cities: Wilmington, Dover, and Newark.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches      |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Persimmons  |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Plums       |
| 6. Figs         | 14. Raspberries |
| 7. Grapes       | 15. Walnuts     |
| 8. Hazelnuts    |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Florida**

Top Three Cities: Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Apples (Jacksonville/Tampa)       | 10. Grapes (Jacksonville/Tampa) |
| 2. Apricots (Jacksonville/Tampa)     | 11. Macadamia Nuts              |
| 3. Avocados (Miami/Tampa)            | 12. Mulberries                  |
| 4. Bananas (Miami)                   | 13. Mangoes (Miami/Tampa)       |
| 5. Blackberries (Jacksonville/Tampa) | 14. Papayas                     |
| 6. Blueberries (Jacksonville/Tampa)  | 15. Pears (Jacksonville/Tampa)  |
| 7. Cashew (Miami)                    | 16. Pecans                      |
| 8. Citrus fruits                     | 17. Plums (Jacksonville/Tampa)  |
| 9. Figs (Jacksonville/Tampa)         | 18. Raspberries                 |
|                                      | 19. Sapotes (Miami)             |

20. Walnuts (Jacksonville/Tampa)

HARVEST TIME: **January---December!**

## **Georgia**

Top Three Cities: Atlanta, Augusta, and Columbus..

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Almonds       | 10. Grapes       |
| 2. Apples        | 11. Pawpaws      |
| 3. Apricots      | 12. Peaches      |
| 4. Blackberries  | 13. Pears        |
| 5. Blueberries   | 14. Pecans       |
| 6. Cherries      | 15. Plums        |
| 7. Citrus fruits | 16. Pomegranates |
| 8. Crabapples    | 17. Raspberries  |
| 9. Figs          | 18. Walnuts      |

HARVEST TIME: **May---October**

## **Hawaii**

Top Three Cities: Honolulu, Hilo and Kailua.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Avocados   | 7. Macadamia Nuts |
| 2. Bananas    | 8. Mangos         |
| 3. Breadfruit | 9. Papayas        |
| 4. Carambolas | 10. Sapotes       |
| 5. Dates      |                   |
| 6. Guavas     |                   |

HARVEST TIME: **January---December!**

## **Idaho**

Top Three Cities: Boise/Nampa, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Almonds (Boise/Nampa) | 10. Grapes    |
| 2. Apples                | 11. Hazelnuts |
| 3. Apricots              | 12. Peaches   |
| 4. Blackberries          | 13. Pears     |
| 5. Blueberries           | 14. Pecans    |
| 6. Cherries              | 15. Plums     |

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| 7. Chestnuts  | 16. Raspberries |
| 8. Crabapples | 17. Walnuts     |
| 9. Filberts   |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

### **Illinois**

Top Three Cities: Chicago, Aurora, and Rockford.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

### **Indiana**

Top Three Cities: Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Evansville.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

### **Iowa**

Top Three Cities: Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Davenport.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes     |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches   |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears     |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans    |

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 6. Chestnuts  | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts   | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Kansas**

Top Three Cities: Wichita, Kansas City and Topeka.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Kentucky**

Top Three Cities: Lexington/Fayette, Louisville, and Lexington.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Almonds      | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apples       | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Apricots     | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blackberries | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Blueberries  | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Cherries     | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Chestnuts    | 16. Raspberries |
| 8. Crabapples   | 17. Wanuts      |
| 9. Filberts     |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Louisiana**

Top Three Cities: New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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| 1. Almonds  | 10. Grapes  |
| 2. Apples   | 11. Pawpaws |
| 3. Apricots | 12. Peaches |

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|------------------|------------------|
| 4. Blackberries  | 13. Pears        |
| 5. Blueberries   | 14. Pecans       |
| 6. Cherries      | 15. Plums        |
| 7. Citrus fruits | 16. Pomegranates |
| 8. Crabapples    | 17. Raspberries  |
| 9. Figs          | 18. Walnuts      |

HARVEST TIME: **January---December**

## **Maine**

Top Three Cities: Portland, Lewiston, and Bangor.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 8. Pears        |
| 2. Blackberries | 9. Pecans       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 10. Plums       |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 11. Raspberries |
| 5. Crabapples   | 12. Walnuts     |
| 6. Grapes       |                 |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Maryland**

Top Three Cities: Baltimore, Columbia, and Silver Spring.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 10. Peaches     |
| 2. Blackberries | 11. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 12. Pecans      |
| 4. Cherries     | 13. Persimmons  |
| 5. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 6. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 7. Figs         | 16. Walnuts     |
| 8. Grapes       |                 |
| 9. Hazelnuts    |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---November**

## **Massachusetts**

Top Three Cities: Boston, Worcester, and Springfield.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches      |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums       |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries |
| 6. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts     |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |
| 8. Pawpaws      |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Michigan**

Top Three Cities: Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Warren

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Almonds      | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apples       | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Apricots     | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blackberries | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Blueberries  | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Cherries     | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Chestnuts    | 16. Raspberries |
| 8. Crabapples   | 17. Walnuts     |
| 9. Filberts     |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Minnesota**

Top Three Cities: Minneapolis/St. Paul, Rochester, and Duluth.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Mississippi**

Top Three Cities: Jackson, Gulfport, and Biloxi.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Almonds       | 10. Grapes       |
| 2. Apples        | 11. Pawpaws      |
| 3. Apricots      | 12. Peaches      |
| 4. Blackberries  | 13. Pears        |
| 5. Blueberries   | 14. Pecans       |
| 6. Cherries      | 15. Plums        |
| 7. Citrus fruits | 16. Pomegranates |
| 8. Crabapples    | 17. Raspberries  |
| 9. Figs          | 18. Walnuts      |

HARVEST TIME: **May---October**

## **Missouri**

Top Three Cities: Kansas City, Saint Louis and Springfield.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Montana**

Top Three Cities: Billings, Missoula, and Great Falls.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Nebraska**

Top Three Cities: Omaha/Bellevue, Lincoln, and Grand Island.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Nevada**

Top Three Cities: Las Vegas, Henderson, and Reno.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Almonds (Reno)     | 10. Grapes                               |
| 2. Apples             | 11. Hazelnuts (Reno)                     |
| 3. Apricots           | 12. Olives (Las Vegas/Henderson)         |
| 4. Blackberries       | 13. Peaches                              |
| 5. Blueberries (Reno) | 14. Pears                                |
| 6. Cherries (Reno)    | 15. Pecans (Reno)                        |
| 7. Chestnuts (Reno)   | 16. Pistachio nuts (Las Vegas/Henderson) |
| 8. Crabapples         | 17. Plums                                |
| 9. Filberts (Reno)    | 18. Raspberries                          |
|                       | 19. Walnuts                              |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **New Hampshire**

Top Three Cities: Manchester, Nashua, and Concord.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Pears   |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pecans |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Plums  |

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 4. Chestnuts  | 12. Raspberries |
| 5. Crabapples | 13. Walnuts     |
| 6. Grapes     |                 |
| 7. Hazelnuts  |                 |
| 8. Pawpaws    |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **New Jersey**

Top Three Cities: Newark/Jersey City, Paterson, and Elizabeth.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches      |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums       |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries |
| 6. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts     |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |
| 8. Pawpaws      |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **New Mexico**

Top Three Cities: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Almonds      | 10. Grapes         |
| 2. Apples       | 11. Hazelnuts      |
| 3. Apricots     | 12. Peaches        |
| 4. Blackberries | 13. Pears          |
| 5. Blueberries  | 14. Pecans         |
| 6. Cherries     | 15. Pistachio Nuts |
| 7. Chestnuts    | 16. Plums          |
| 8. Crabapples   | 17. Raspberries    |
| 9. Filberts     | 18. Walnuts        |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **New York**

Top Three Cities: New York City, Buffalo, and Rochester.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches                           |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears                            |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans                           |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums                            |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries (Buffalo, Rochester) |
| 6. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts                          |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                                      |
| 8. Pawpaws      |                                      |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

### **North Carolina**

Top Three Cities: Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apricots     | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 16. Raspberries |
| 8. Figs         | 17. Walnuts     |
| 9. Filberts     |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

### **North Dakota**

Top Three Cities: Fargo, Bismarck, and Grand Forks.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Ohio**

Top Three Cities: Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---November**

## **Oklahoma**

Top Three Cities: Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Norman.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Oregon**

Top Three Cities: Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 2. Apricots     | 12. Peaches     |
| 3. Blackberries | 13. Pears       |
| 4. Blueberries  | 14. Pecans      |
| 5. Cherries     | 15. Plums       |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 16. Raspberries |
| 7. Crabapples   | 17. Walnuts     |
| 8. Figs         |                 |

9. Filberts
10. Grapes

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Pennsylvania**

Top Three Cities: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Allentown.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 8. Hazelnuts    |
| 2. Blackberries | 9. Peaches      |
| 3. Blueberries  | 10. Pears       |
| 4. Cherries     | 11. Pecans      |
| 5. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums       |
| 6. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries |
| 7. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Rhode Island**

Top Three Cities: Providence, Warwick and Cranston.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 8. Pawpaws      |
| 2. Blackberries | 9. Peaches      |
| 3. Blueberries  | 10. Pears       |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 11. Pecans      |
| 5. Crabapples   | 12. Plums       |
| 6. Grapes       | 13. Raspberries |
| 7. Hazelnuts    | 14. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **South Carolina**

Top Three Cities: Columbia, Charleston, and Rock Hill.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apricots     | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 16. Raspberries |

- 8. Figs
- 9. Filberts
- 17. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **South Dakota**

Top Three Cities: Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

- 1. Apples
- 2. Apricots
- 3. Blackberries
- 4. Blueberries
- 5. Cherries
- 6. Chestnuts
- 7. Crabapples
- 8. Filberts
- 9. Grapes
- 10. Hazelnuts
- 11. Peaches
- 12. Pears
- 13. Pecans
- 14. Plums
- 15. Raspberries
- 16. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Tennessee**

Top Three Cities: Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

- 1. Apples
- 2. Apricots
- 3. Blackberries
- 4. Blueberries
- 5. Cherries
- 6. Chestnuts
- 7. Crabapples
- 8. Filberts
- 9. Grapes
- 10. Hazelnuts
- 11. Peaches
- 12. Pears
- 13. Pecans
- 14. Plums
- 15. Raspberries
- 16. Walnuts

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Texas**

Top Three Cities: Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

- 1. Almonds
- 2. Apples
- 3. Apricots
- 4. Blackberries
- 5. Blueberries
- 11. Grapes
- 12. Hazelnuts (Dallas)
- 13. Olives
- 14. Peaches
- 15. Pears

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 6. Chestnuts (Dallas) | 16. Pecans           |
| 7. Citrus fruits      | 17. Pistachio nuts   |
| 8. Crabapples         | 18. Plums            |
| 9. Figs               | 19. Raspberries      |
| 10. Filberts (Dallas) | 20. Walnuts (Dallas) |

HARVEST TIME: **January---December**

## Utah

Top Three Cities: Salt Lake City/West Valley City, Provo, and West Jordan.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Almonds      | 10. Grapes      |
| 2. Apples       | 11. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Apricots     | 12. Peaches     |
| 4. Blackberries | 13. Pears       |
| 5. Blueberries  | 14. Pecans      |
| 6. Cherries     | 15. Plums       |
| 7. Chestnuts    | 16. Raspberries |
| 8. Crabapples   | 17. Walnuts     |
| 9. Filberts     |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## Vermont

Top Three Cities: Burlington, Essex Junction, and Bennington.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 8. Pawpaws      |
| 2. Blackberries | 9. Pears        |
| 3. Blueberries  | 10. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 11. Plums       |
| 5. Crabapples   | 12. Raspberries |
| 6. Grapes       | 13. Walnuts     |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## Virginia

Top Three Cities: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Chesapeake.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears  |

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 3. Blueberries | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts   | 12. Persimmons  |
| 5. Crabapples  | 13. Plums       |
| 6. Figs        | 14. Raspberries |
| 7. Grapes      | 15. Walnuts     |
| 8. Hazelnuts   |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Washington**

Top Three Cities: Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Almonds (Spokane)     | 10. Filberts         |
| 2. Apples                | 11. Grapes           |
| 3. Apricots              | 12. Hazelnuts        |
| 4. Blackberries          | 13. Peaches          |
| 5. Blueberries           | 14. Pears            |
| 6. Cherries              | 15. Pecans (Spokane) |
| 7. Chestnuts             | 16. Plums            |
| 8. Crabapples            | 17. Raspberries      |
| 9. Figs (Seattle/Tacoma) | 18. Walnuts          |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **West Virginia**

Top Three Cities: Charleston, Huntington, and Parkersburg.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Peaches      |
| 2. Blackberries | 10. Pears       |
| 3. Blueberries  | 11. Pecans      |
| 4. Chestnuts    | 12. Plums       |
| 5. Crabapples   | 13. Raspberries |
| 6. Grapes       | 14. Walnuts     |
| 7. Hazelnuts    |                 |
| 8. Pawpaws      |                 |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Wisconsin**

Top Three Cities: Milwaukee, Madison, and Green Bay

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Wyoming**

Top Three Cities: Cheyenne, Casper, and Laramie.

Fruits and nuts that grow in or near those cities:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Apples       | 9. Grapes       |
| 2. Apricots     | 10. Hazelnuts   |
| 3. Blackberries | 11. Peaches     |
| 4. Blueberries  | 12. Pears       |
| 5. Cherries     | 13. Pecans      |
| 6. Chestnuts    | 14. Plums       |
| 7. Crabapples   | 15. Raspberries |
| 8. Filberts     | 16. Walnuts     |

HARVEST TIME: **June---October**

## **Calmont Students Participating in this Proposal:**

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