

AUSTRALIAN Nectarines

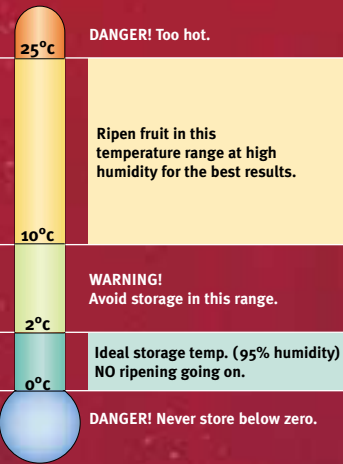
Australia prides itself on being an innovative producer of fresh sweet stone fruit. The clean environment and ideal climate of our growing areas are perfect for producing high quality nectarines that meet the expectations of discerning customers. We are able to provide our export markets with fresh products from October to April.

Major Growing Regions



Storage and Handling

Correct storage and handling is the key factor in maintaining good fruit quality for nectarines. The ideal storage temperature is 0° to 2° celsius. Fruit can be ripened effectively between 8° and 25°. The DANGER zones that need to be avoided at all times are 2° to 8° and above 25°. Fruit should not be stored beyond its normal storage life – 2 to 6 weeks, depending on variety, maturity and storage conditions.



	SPRING BRIGHT	REDGOLD	FANTASIA	SUMMER FIRE
Eating quality	Excellent	Good	Excellent, balanced, soft when ripe	Good
Sweetness	Medium – high	Medium – high	Medium – high	Medium – high
Size	Large 69 – 80mm	Medium – large	Large	Large 69 – 73mm
Shape	Round	Rounded slightly oblong	Rounded, oblong	Oblong
Storage life	Good (3 weeks)	Good (3 weeks)	Good (3 – 4 weeks)	Very good (4 – 5 weeks)
Availability	Wk 2 Dec – Wk 2 Jan	Wk 1 Jan – Wk 3 Feb	Wk 1 Jan – Wk 3 Feb	Wk 2 Jan – Wk 4 Feb

	AUGUST RED	FAIRLANE	ARCTIC SWEET	ARCTIC ROSE
Eating quality	Good	Good	Good sub acid	Good sub acid
Sweetness	Medium – high	High	Medium – high	Very high
Size	Large	Medium – large	Medium	Small – medium
Shape	Round	Rounded	Rounded, slightly oblong	Rounded
Storage life	Very good (4 – 5 weeks)	Good (3 – 4 weeks)	Good (2 – 4 weeks)	Very good (4 – 5 weeks)
Availability	Wk 1 Feb – Wk 2 March	Wk 2 Feb – Wk 2 March	Wk 1 Dec – Wk 4 Jan	Wk 4 Dec – Wk 3 Feb

	BRIGHT PEARL	FIRE PEARL	ARCTIC QUEEN	ARCTIC SNOW
Eating quality	Sub acid sweet	Good sub acid	Good sub acid	Very good sub acid
Sweetness	Very high	Very high	Very high	Very high
Size	Large	Large	Medium	Medium – large
Shape	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded, slightly oblong	Rounded
Storage life	Very good (3 – 4 weeks)	Very good (3 – 4 weeks)	Very good (3 – 4 weeks)	Good (2 – 3 weeks)
Availability	Wk 1 Jan – Wk 2 Feb	Wk 2 Jan – Wk 4 Feb	Wk 3 Jan – Wk 1 March	Wk 2 Feb – Wk 2 April

