

1. My Latin name is *Prunus Persica*

2. I originated in China, where I was associated with royalty.

3. I first came to the Americas in the late 1500s.

4. New Jersey was one of the first states to start producing me.

5. Some of my varieties are named *Donut*, *Saturn*, *Flaming Fury*, *July Rose*, and *Glen Glo*

6. My life begins in the winter. I need over 500 hours of chilly weather to start growing later in the year. Because of this, I can't grow in tropical weather.

7. My trees can be productive for 20-25 years.

8. Typically, I am harvested from July-September.

9. I can be white, yellow, or orange, and I'm covered in a soft fuzz.

10. If I don't have fuzz, I am called a nectarine.

11. I am the state fruit of Georgia, but I'm also grown a lot in California, South Carolina, and New Jersey.