

If You're Going to Give an Apple to the Teacher, Know Your Apple Facts!

- 🍏 2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the United States.
- 🍏 Apples are grown commercially in 36 states.
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- 🍏 The crabapple is the only apple native to North America.
- 🍏 Apples come in all shades of reds, greens, and yellows.
- 🍏 The pilgrims planted the first United States apple trees in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- 🍏 Apples are a great source of the fiber pectin. One apple has five grams of fiber.
- 🍏 Apple trees take four to five years to produce their first fruit.
- 🍏 The Lady or Api apple is one of the oldest varieties in existence.
- 🍏 Apples ripen six to ten times faster at room temperature than if they were refrigerated.
- 🍏 It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.
- 🍏 The top apple producing states are Washington, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, California and Virginia.
- 🍏 Almost one out of every four apples harvested in the United States is exported.
- 🍏 National Apple Month is the only national, generic apple promotion conducted in the United States. Originally founded in 1904 as National Apple Week, it was expanded in 1996 to a three-month promotional window from September through November.
- 🍏 On August 21, 2007 the GoldRush apple was designated as the official Illinois state fruit. GoldRush is a sweet-tart yellow apple with a long shelf life.
- 🍏 Apples are also the state fruits of Minnesota, New York, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia.