

NAVEL ORANGES: Fisher

FRUIT: Seedless. Round shape. 3 inches-plus in diameter equates to 72 to 88 box count. Medium-thick rind with good orange color and texture between smooth and rough. Very sweet flavor throughout season.

TREE: Large spreading vigorous tree, with good fruit production.

HARVEST SEASON: Mid-November to February. Through March with Gibberellic acid and 2,4-D

PROS: Sugar levels test early. High quality fruit.

CONS: Slow to break color. Does not gas well. Needs to color on tree. Green spotting if picked too early.

COMPATABLE ROOTSTOCKS: Carrizo, C-35 Citrange, Trifoliates, Citrumelos.

RECOMMENDED SPACINGS:

Standard: 20' x 20'; 20' x 22'; 22' x 22'

Double-planting Standard: 10' x 20'; 10' x 22'; 11' x 22'

C-35: 18' x 18'; 18' x 20'; 20' x 20'

Double-Planting C-35: 9' x 18'; 9' x 20'; 10' x 20'

HISTORY: Fisher is an old budline sport of Parent Washington, discovered by Mrs. Fisher and was first propagated by Armstrong Nurseries.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS: Fisher is a high yielding producer of early to mid-season fruit that develops early juice maturity. Because color break is generally delayed and gassing can be a problem, Fisher is finding its niche towards the end of the early season, when the fruit has good color and flavor. The fruit stores well on the tree for a mid-season harvest or responds well to Gibberellic acid treatments for harvesting early into the late season, as late as May in colder citrus regions. Because of its versatility during the harvesting seasons and its excellent quality and ship ability Fisher remains a commercially important variety in California.