Coming Up!

What’s in a name? As Shakespeare famously said, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but new releases need names that are unique, memorable, and somewhat descriptive. On this page we highlight a few varieties that have passed rigorous tests, are now in commercial trials or propagation, but are as yet unnamed.

After new selections are tested in multiple sites in Minnesota and elsewhere, the best ones are sent to commercial trials for propagation tests and grower production to meet market standards. Finally, commercial propagation begins, but it may take several years to develop sufficient plant stock for retail nurseries and garden centers. Watch the website for updates.

Science may accelerate natural cycles to some extent, but breeding, selecting, and testing new fruits is not a job for the impatient.

—W.H. ALDERMAN, 1957, IN FRUIT VARIETIES DEVELOPED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FRUIT BREEDING FARM

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