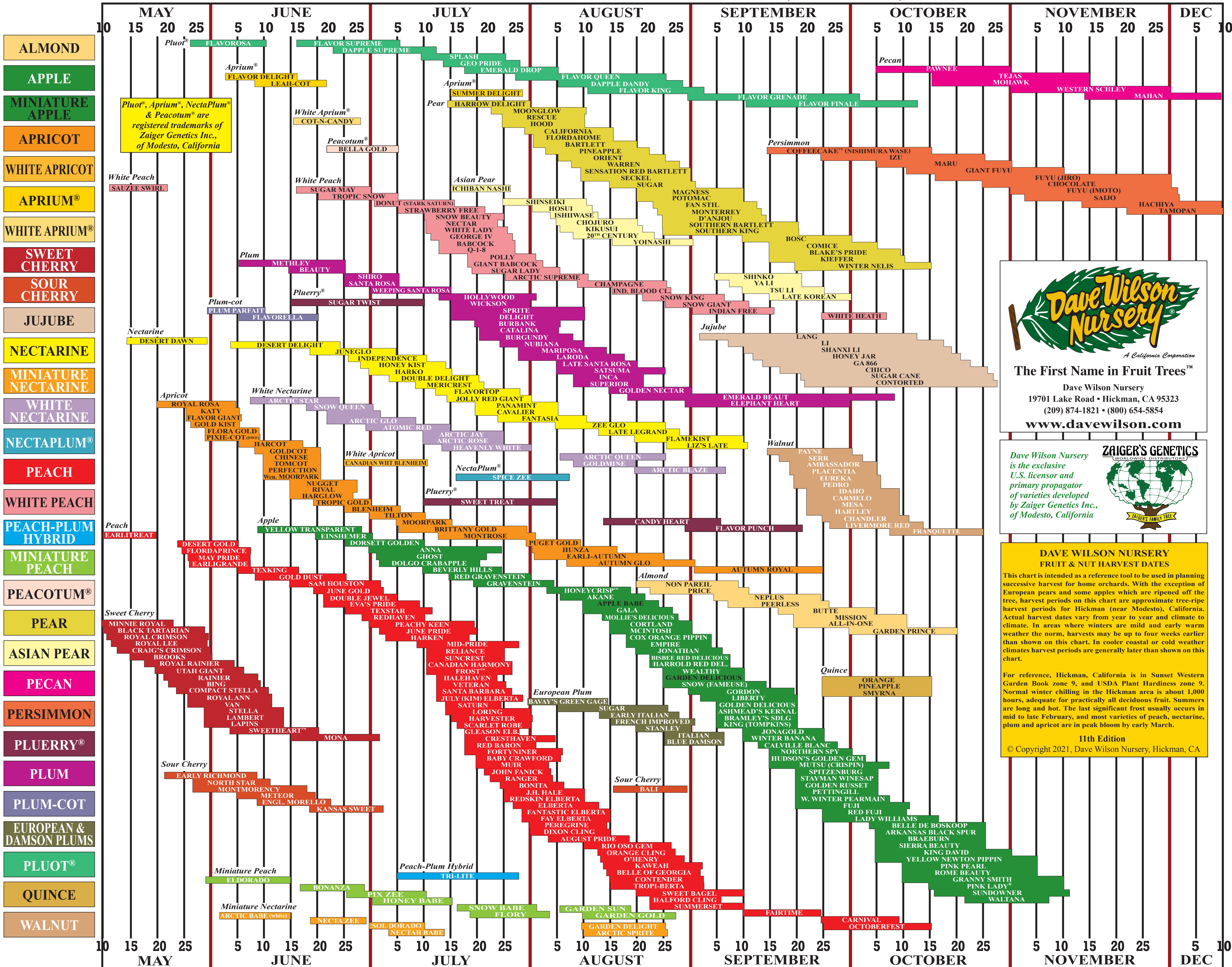


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This chart is intended as a reference tool to be used in planning successive harvest for home orchards. With the exception of European pears and some apples which are ripened off the tree, harvest periods on this chart are approximate tree-ripe harvest periods for Hickman (near Modesto), California. Actual harvest dates vary from year to year and climate to climate. In areas where winters are mild and early warm weather the norm, harvests may be up to four weeks earlier than shown on this chart. In cooler coastal or cold weather climates harvest periods are generally later than shown on this chart.

For reference, Hickman, California is in Sunset Western Garden Book zone 9, and USDA Plant Hardiness zone 9. Normal winter chilling in the Hickman area is about 1,000 hours, adequate for practically all deciduous fruit. Summers are long and hot. The last significant frost usually occurs in mid to late February, and most varieties of peach, nectarine, plum and apricot are in peak bloom by early March.

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