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Just like the avocados Californians see in so many neighborhood yards, mangos will soon be a fruit tree commonly seen in gardens as well as orchards. Our company, Southern California Plant Breeders, is now patenting a dozen new mango varieties we developed for California. These new mangos are well adapted to Southern California conditions, and are also well suited to other areas with similar climates. These fruits can easily handle our summer heat and the occasional winter frost. Want to see if you can grow these new mangos? Just check out your neighborhood. Have you seen any Haas avocados or lemon trees growing near your place? If you have, then you can grow one of these new mango varieties.
Our new mango varieties are the product of an intense breeding program. We have assembled a collection that includes about 100 desirable mango varieties from around the world—some of the best quality mangos in existence.

From our collection we selected a few mangos to be breeders. We planted thousands of their seeds per year to find the best ones for further evaluation. The best were retained, the rest were culled. Ten years later, we are now processing the very best new mango plants to proceed with patenting.

Most of the mangos selected in our new variety program are the “fresh fruit” type—the ones that are perfect for eating fresh, for use in salads, in any other fresh fruit dishes or even in margaritas. Most of these mangos look similar to the ones you often see in your neighborhood grocery store. We would like to point out that there is one major difference: all of our new “fresh fruit” mangos are excellent when it comes to eating quality.

Five types of imported mangos are currently shipped to grocery stores. They are all tropical cultivars whose names appear on the packing cartons: Haden, Kent, Keitt, Tommy Atkins and Autoulfo. The first four varieties are the common heart-shaped fruits, varying in color from green to gold and red. The first three listed above are good eating mangos. The Tommy Atkins mango is often described as very fibrous and as bland in flavor. The Autoulfo, or champagne, mango is an improved manila mango and is also very much a tropical one.

Our new mango varieties are not tropical! All of them are very hardy and fall into two categories. The first group is the “fresh fruit” type. They are sweet to very sweet, have a nice mild flavor and all have very little fiber. Most range from three-fourths of a pound to a little over one pound each. The second category is the larger mangos, a group that is mainly used for pickling or in chutney dishes. These fruits are mostly green in color and are usually picked before reaching full maturity. They range in size from well over one pound to more than two pounds each.

If you want one of these new varieties for your yard or orchard, call your local nursery and ask them to order the new California mangos for you.
Finally, we are hoping to get a little help from Fruit Gardener readers, or even CRFG members who don’t read the magazine.

Some time ago we supplied about 35 mango fruits with tags identifying each variety to the fruit festival that was held in Pasadena, but we did not get a picture of the exhibit.

Here is the problem: we have no photo of that particular collection and we can’t recall the year of the event. If someone has a photo of the exhibit that included our mangos, we would appreciate having a copy of that photo.

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Mango #5

Mango #12

Waxed mango

Pineapple mango

Mango #30

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