Rutherford

Accession Number:

Parentage:
Elsa x Melba

Released by:
Dr. C.F. Patterson, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon SK

Date:
1959

Notes:
Fruit over 6cm, pale yellow. Cooking and fair dessert. "Bland" says Evans. Ripe by the end of August. Subject to water core. Similar in some respects to Heyer #12, but doesn't deteriorate quite as quickly on the tree. "Heyer #12 and Rutherford are mutually incompatible in breeding." says Coutts. H1.
-Edible Apples in Prairie Canada

A University of Saskatchewan introduction that is very similar to Heyer 12 and Heyer 20, but possibly a little hardier, showing less injury than those varieties in Zones 5 and 6A.
-Hort Facts, Nelson, 1976

Mid-season, oblate, up to 2 1/2" x 2 1/4" under field conditions without irrigation at Saskatoon, pale yellow, sub acid and juicy; white fleshed a good apple precocious and heavy fruiter. Suggesting Heyer No.12 somewhat but of better quality.
-University of Saskatchewan Fruit Introductions, Patterson, 1960

Very similar to Heyer 12 in fruit, tree and leaf characteristics. The fruit does keep slightly longer and is rated better than Heyer 12 for cooking.