

Fruit ripening times in El Sobrante and nearby

El Sobrante is warmer in summer and colder in winter than the Berkeley area, but it is the reverse compared to the Walnut Creek area—cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Cooler than normal years mean some late fruit or fruit needing more heat such as Che, figs, jujubes, some peaches and nectarines, and some pluots do not ripen in time.

Citrus –in this climate, citrus are held longer on the tree to sweeten and harvest is spread out over many months of the year. In general, Oro Blanco grapefruit ripen in winter; mandarins winter into spring; blood oranges ripen in early spring; navel oranges winter into spring but some into summer and fall; Valencia oranges in summer and some other times.

Alpine strawberries and lemons - - all year but fewer in winter so not listed below.

SPRING Cherimoyas can ripen throughout the year but do mostly in October through May.

March – citrus (Oro Blanco grapefruit, mandarins, blood oranges)

April – same plus Trovita oranges, rhubarb, early loquats if no December frost

May – berries (blackberries, boysenberries, some currants, goumis, ollalieberries, gold raspberries, some red raspberries), some cherries, some Surinam cherries, citrus (lemons, mandarins, oranges), rhubarb

SUMMER

June – apricots, berries (blackberries, boysenberries, Surinam cherries, some currants, goumis, Juneberries, ollalieberries, red and yellow raspberries), sweet cherries, Nanking cherries, citrus (some oranges), loquats, some peaches, Asian plums, wild plums, some pluots, rhubarb

July – berries (wild barberries, thornless boysenberries, some currants, some wild currants, some Juneberries, sometimes mulberries, wild barberries, raspberries, ollalieberries, gold and red raspberries), Nanking cherries, some pie cherries, citrus (some oranges) some figs, some loquats, some Asian plums, peaches and nectarines, some Asian pears, some wild plums, pluots

August - some apples, berries (some boysenberries, wild barberries, some wild elderberries, mulberries, raspberries), Capulin cherries, citrus (mandarins, oranges), figs, some grapes, some peaches and nectarines, lots of European pears, some Asian pears, some Asian plums, many European plums, pluots

AUTUMN

September – almonds, apples, berries (autumn olives, sometimes Surinam cherries, wild elderberries, Chilean guavas, wild huckleberries, mulberries, raspberries, seaberries), citrus (some mandarins, oranges), figs, filberts, grapes, sometimes pineapple guavas, a few jujubes, some peaches and nectarines, Asian and European pears, European plums

October – almonds, apples, berries (autumn olives, some boysenberries, raspberries, seaberries), cactus fruit, Che, figs, filberts, grapes, Chilean guavas, some strawberry and lemon guavas, macadamias, a few Asian pears, pomegranates

November – apples, babacos, berries (autumn olive, some Chilean guavas, a few raspberries), Che, some figs, some strawberry and lemon guavas, lots of pineapple guavas, some kiwis, jujubes, pomegranates

WINTER White sapotes fruit mostly in the late fall into winter but at other times too.

December –a few apples, berries (autumn olives), citrus (some mandarins, oranges), pineapple guavas, kiwis, a few pomegranates, tree tomatoes

January – citrus (Oro Blanco grapefruit, mandarins, some blood oranges), sometimes pineapple guavas, tree tomatoes

February – same as January but no tree tomatoes or pineapple guavas