

orange variety fact sheet

Atwood

Origin

Originated as a limb sport of Washington navel in California. Introduced to Australia from California and released from plant quarantine in 1990. Atwood is an old budline grown extensively in California.

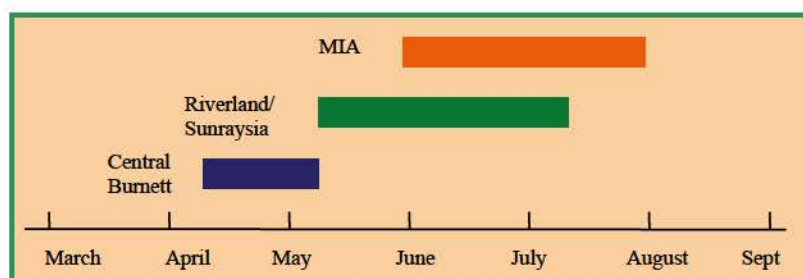
Type

Navel orange, seedless, early/mid season.

Market

Fresh fruit, domestic, and export markets.

Marketing season (estimated)



Internal quality

Matures up to two weeks ahead of Washington navel. Medium/high juice content and good flavour. Fruit flavour is equal to Washington navel.

External quality

Similar in appearance to Washington navel, round fruit shape. Large fruit size and orange skin colour. It may have finer rind texture than Washington navel.

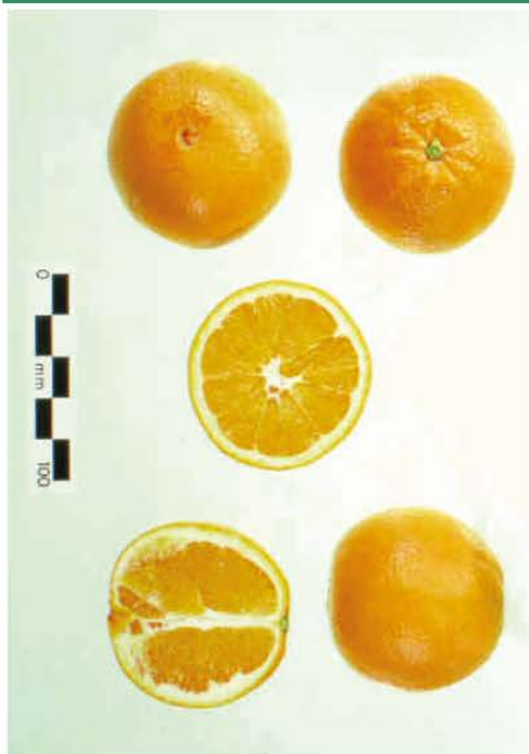
Postharvest performance

Storage performance and response to ethylene degreening to be determined.

Field performance

High early yields and large fruit size. Trees appear to have a similar growth habit to Washington navel. Long term field performance is still to be assessed.

Atwood has proven to be a popular budline in the orange growing areas of California and may have potential as an earlier maturing Washington navel type in southern Australia.



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Pest and disease

No specific pest and disease problems have been noted to date.

Extent of plantings

All plantings in Australia less than ten years old. Minor plantings in Sunraysia/Riverland. Currently under evaluation in research trials in NSW and South Australia.

State of knowledge



Growers should ensure that trees are propagated from Premium Budwood obtained from Auscitus.

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