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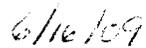
**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF 'EARLY PRIDE'**

'Early Pride' (formerly USDA 1-62-122) is an extremely low seeded mutant of 'Fallglo,' a popular, but seedy mandarin hybrid.

Fruit of Early Pride are essentially identical to Fallglo with the exception of being seedless and slightly smaller. Whereas Fallglo fruit average 30 to 40 seeds per fruit, Early Pride fruit typically are completely seedless, although some fruit may have as many as six seeds. Early Pride fruit average 2.96 inches in diameter. The fruit have an oblate shape, flattened at the apex and usually with a small navel on the blossom end. The calyx is usually retained on the fruit when picked. The rind surface is smooth, but has prominent oil glands. The rind averages 1/8 to 3/16 inches thick and is easily removed. Rind color is Mikado orange to Salmon orange when fruit mature. There are 12 to 13 segments which separate easily. Segments of Early Pride tend to be less prone to rupture than are those of Fallglo. Flesh color is zinc orange, and fruit are juicy with a flavor typical of Fallglo. Juice is highly colored and is suitable for juice blending. Early Pride trees are moderately vigorous, thornless, upright and slightly spreading with a fruit crop and fairly dense foliage. Fruit typically reach commercial maturity by mid-October and maintain good quality on the tree through about mid-November. Data on fruit yield is limited, but based on visual estimation the trees appear to be equivalent to Fallglo.

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