

# Apples, Apples *everywhere*

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Ohio's autumn apple harvest is the perfect celebration of fall. As the leaves change and the air cools, apples in every color reach juicy perfection, ready to take home. Here are places to pick, the right tool for the job and a recipe for a tasty treat.

## THE TREAT: apple cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Grease and flour 13-inch-by-9-inch metal pan

**4 cups apples, peeled and sliced thin**  
*(Granny Smiths and golden delicious are excellent for baking)*

**2 cups sugar**  
**½ cup canola oil**  
**1 cup chopped walnuts**  
**2 eggs, beaten**  
**2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract**

Sifted together  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**2 cups flour**  
**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**1 teaspoon salt**

Mix sliced apples and sugar. In a separate bowl, combine eggs, oil and vanilla together and add to the apples. Add nuts. Stir.

Add sifted dry ingredients to the apple mixture and blend well.

Bake for one hour until firm in center.

### Frosting

**1 ¾ cups confectioner sugar**  
**8 ounces softened cream cheese**  
**3 T. softened butter**  
**1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract**

Beat together with electric mixer until of spreading consistency. Ice cooled apple cake.

*Recipe provided by Trevarrow Inc., which offers premium kitchen designs, cabinetry and appliances as well as culinary demonstration and instruction at their many locations, including their Living Kitchen Showroom in Parma.*

## THE TOOL:



This Norpro Apple Peeler is a heavy-duty addition to your kitchen arsenal. It cleanly peels and slices apples at the same time, taking prep time down to next to nothing. This fun-to-use tool is available for \$29.95 at the Viking Store at Legacy Village in Lyndhurst.

## □ PICK YOUR OWN

Few things are as timeless as the picking of apples. Get back in touch with nature, and bring back a bushel of crisp, sweet treats. Cleveland is surrounded by dozens of apple farms that welcome pickers. Here are a few:

### PATTERSON FRUIT FARM

11414 Caves Road, Chesterland, (440) 729-1964, [www.pattersonfarm.com](http://www.pattersonfarm.com).  
Open every day 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Labor Day through October.

### BURNHAM ORCHARDS

8019 State Route 113, Berlin Heights, (419) 588-2138, [www.burnhamorchards.com](http://www.burnhamorchards.com).  
Open every day 9 a.m.-5 p.m., last weekend in September through October.

### HILLCREST ORCHARDS

50336 State Route 113, Amherst, (440) 965-8884, [www.hillcrestfunfarm.com](http://www.hillcrestfunfarm.com).  
Open weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m., first weekend in September through the third weekend in October, plus Labor Day and October 12.

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