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Hardy Figs: We have been successfully growing figs in USDA Hardiness zone 5/6 for the past five years.

Each year the figs die back almost to the ground but then spring back up ready to go in the Spring each year. We have chosen varieties which yield two crops a year and therefore fruit on their first year's growth. In some years when winter has stuck around late, the figs have been slow to bud out and the big crops they set failed to ripen before fall frosts. But getting fresh figs to feast on 2 out of 3 years is totally worth the few off years! In addition, they are gorgeous landscape plants with their large lobular leaves. Our plants reach around 10' in height each year starting from the ground and form multi-stemmed bushes. Fig leaves can be used to wrap meat and fish before grilling or broiling to impart a coconut-like flavor to the meat! Current year rooted cuttings 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

Chicago Hardy: Produces medium-sized purple-skinned fruits with bright pink/red flesh. Has a peach-like flavor when fully ripe. Originated in Chicago, attesting to its hardiness! 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

Vern's Brown Turkey: Produces medium-sized golden fruits with honey-colored flesh. Very sweet! This is a slightly improved strain of the well-known Brown Turkey. Leaves are slightly more deep-cut than Chicago Hardy. 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

LSU Gold: Medium-sized golden fruits. Developed at Louisiana State University but has been a star performer at Hidden Springs Nursery in northern Tennessee, which is where our stock is from. 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

Trifoliate Orange (*Poncirus trifoliata*): A delightful little hardy citrus that is still highly underutilized in the north. Technically only hardy to Zone 6, but should be fine in Zone 5 as well. This is the 'Flying Dragon' strain, grown from seed. It reaches 6' high, with fancy twisted stems and meaty curved thorns. Leaves drop in winter but stems stay dark green and look great in a little snow! Produces great-smelling golfball-sized fruit that is very seedy but can be used to make very fragrant lemonade or marmalade. This could make a really neat living fence for poultry or small stock. 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

Osage Orange (*Maclura pomifera*): Native tree which produces the famous 'monkey brains' or hedge apples in the fall that kids often throw at each other or play baseball with. Midwest Native peoples prized its wood for bowmaking. Subsequent Midwest farmers have used its extremely rot-resistant wood for fence posts. It is also the main plant in this country used for living barbed-wire fences. Planted closely and woven together, the resulting thorny tangle is known to keep even onerous cattle in! I will be bud grafting Che or Chinese melonberry (*Cudrania tricuspidata*) onto these seedlings this August, so that plant will likely be available next year. One-year seedlings 4" pots \$6; gal pots \$12

Goumi (*Eleagnus multiflora*): This smaller and less invasive relative of autumn olive bears its fruit in late spring instead of fall. Fruits are twice the size of autumn olive but have the same wonderful apple/

cherry flavor. All *Eleagnus* species are non-leguminous nitrogen fixers and can be planted as “nurse plants” for other species. Takes some shade. Height to 8’
4” pots \$6; gal pots \$12

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