

# Fun Apple Facts for Kids



- Cut an apple in half across the core (with your parents' help) and you'll see a star shape!
- Some famous apple growers include NBC's Willard Scott and Sportscaster Dick Enberg, as well as Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.
- According to the Guinness Book of Records, the largest apple ever plucked from a tree weighed three pounds, two ounces, and was picked in Caro, Michigan. According to Country Living Gardner magazine, archaeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 B.C.
- Today about 300 different apple varieties are grown in the U.S., in many different climates, including deserts, mountains, flatlands, river valleys and of course, along the Great Lakes.
- Chenango Strawberry, Winter Banana, Pitmaston Pineapple, Kid's Orange Red, Ashmead's Kernel, Ben Davis, Holstein, Summer Rambo, Liberty, and Hawaii are just a few of the many names of apples! Thousands of other apple variety names have been recorded in horticultural journals throughout history.
- Originally Michigan had no apple trees. Apples are not native to the North American continent. Fortunately, early European settlers brought apple seeds with them and right away began planting them.