

'GoldRush' - Apple

- Origin:** A cooperative apple breeding program between Purdue, Rutgers and Illinois Universities (PRI), U.S.A. Selected by J. Crosby, J. Janick, E. Williams, D. Daniels, P. Pecknold.
- Fruit size:** Medium for season. Requires adequate thinning to achieve satisfactory size.
- Shape:** Round to round-oblong.
- Skin:** A pale lemon-yellow colour with some slight light red blush on sun exposed fruit. Smooth, with very conspicuous, russetted lenticel spots scattered on the surface. Thin slightly tender skin. Non-waxy skin finish can lead to some skin shrivelling. Overseas reports suggest storing under high humidity to assist with this problem.
- Flesh:** Pale yellow. Moderately firm. Slightly coarse texture.
- Flavour:** Slightly sprightly.
- Blossom:** Overseas reports mid-late season.
- Pollination:** Under evaluation in Australia. Possibly 'William's Pride', or any diploid cultivar which blossoms simultaneously.
- Cropping:** Reported from overseas to be moderately productive. Can be biennial bearing.
- Tree habit:** Reportedly to have moderate vigour, slightly upright and spreading. Good, desirable habit. Semi-spur with very little blind wood.
- Maturity:** Estimated +5 days 'Granny Smith'.
- Comments:** Was selected by the PRI breeding programme for its disease resistant characteristics. Shows promise in areas suited to its production and may extend the season for growers looking for organic status.



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