

Early varieties of peaches and nectarines started flowering at PHDC Jalalabad

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The early varieties of peaches and nectarines started flowering on 25/Jan/2014. Viowhite and Plawhite are one to these peaches/nectarines which ripens very early (End of April). There is no fruit when these peaches arrive into market except very less amount of Pakistani peaches with very high price; they look to be artificially softened, and these fruits are pale in color and tasteless. It means we have a very good local and external market for these early ripening types of fruit varieties that we grow locally. The farmers will get higher income if they start to have commercial orchards of these varieties. The Mother Trees of these varieties have been distributed to the nursery growers' association of East to produce

certified saplings of these early ripening varieties. We can compete with imported fruit by having this kind of early varieties.



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