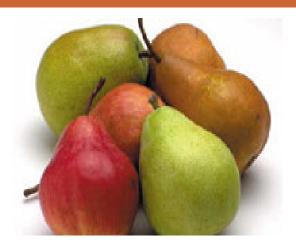
PEARS



- ♦ Pears are a member of the Rose family.
- ◆ 95% of the pears sold in the United Sates are grown in Washington, Oregon and Northern California.
- ♦ There are over 3000 varieties of pears grown around the world.
- ◆ Pears are a good source of vitamin C, potassium, and fiber and ripen better off the tree from the inside out.
- ◆ Pears are native to Asia and Europe. The first pear tree was planted in North America in 1620 in the Massachusetts Bay colony.
- ◆ The pear was sacred to two goddesses in Greek mythology Hera and Aphroditey. It was also sacred to the corresponding Roman goddesses, Juno and Venus, as well as to Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruitfulness.
- ♦ Towns with an abundance of pear trees often included the word Perry in the name of the town.