

Early Sicily (C1867) mandarin

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Figure 1. An Early Sicily (C1867) mandarin tree.

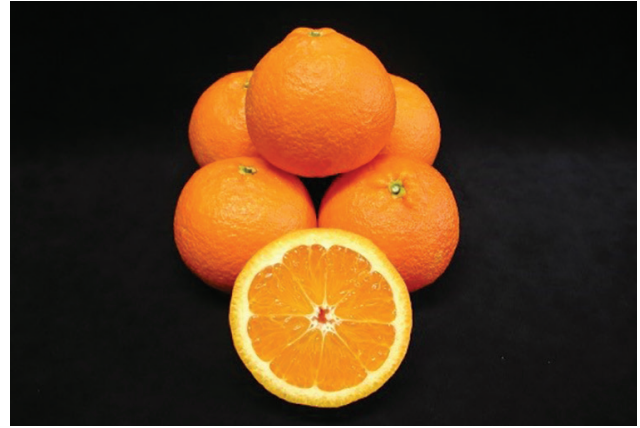


Figure 2. Early Sicily (C1867) mandarins.

Estimated maturity period

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Riverina												
Sunraysia												

Origin

Early Sicily was bred in Italy and is a hybrid of Oroval clementine x tetraploid Tarocco orange. It has Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR) protection and is managed in Australia by the Australian Nurserymen's Fruit Improvement Company (ANFIC).

Fruit quality

Table 1. Early Sicily fruit quality* characteristics.

Skin	Easy peel, orange, slightly pebbled.
Average rind thickness (mm)	4.4
Internal quality	Highly palatable. Sweet, juicy. Blood orange taste characteristics increase with cool storage.
Average number of seeds	<1
Juice per cent (%)	52
°Brix	11.2
Acid per cent (%)	0.8
Brix:acid ratio	14.1
Average fruit weight (g)	214
Average fruit diameter (mm)	77

*Juice quality levels considered adequate for harvest and developed by sequential analysis of fruit from top-worked evaluation trees.

