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- UW-Extension Publication A2582, *Home Fruit Cultivars for Southern Wisconsin*, at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Home-Fruit-Cultivars-for-Southern-Wisconsin-P395.aspx>
- UW-Extension Publication A2179, *Apple Pest Management for Home Gardeners*, at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Apple-Pest-Management-for-Home-Gardeners-P424.aspx>
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