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Dear Jenny,

Thank you for the Written Question (WQ84390) you tabled on 31/01/2022 asking: 'How many of the trees gifted to every Welsh citizen by Welsh Government will be fruit trees?'

There will be a supply of native fruit trees such as crab apple, elder and blackthorn which are trees that produce fruit and can be used for jams and jellies but not whole fruit for eating.

The Woodland Trust, who are the delivery partner in this project, will only supply UK and Ireland Sourced and Grown native trees, and cultivated varieties of fruit tree are technically not native, and can be up to 10 times more expensive than native trees.

A select number of native tree species will be available from the regional hubs in March, including crab apple, downy birch, sessile oak, wild cherry and alder.

For the autumn phase of the campaign the following tree species will be added to that list – rowan, hazel, hawthorn, silver birch, dog rose, dogwood, blackthorn, elder, field maple, goat willow and grey willow.

The campaign will allow every household in Wales to play a part in tackling climate change, and it will also enable people in Wales to further understand and experience the many benefits that trees can provide, not only to the environment but also to people's health and wellbeing.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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