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Pear Accessions of the Canadian Clonal Genebank

Harrow, Ontario

The Canadian Clonal Genebank (CCG) was created in 1989 as part of the national crop genetic resource system for Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. The mandate of the CCG is to protect and preserve the genetic diversity of Canadian fruit crop plants and their wild relatives. This is accomplished by acquiring, maintaining, researching and documenting plant genetic resources in order to provide the fundamental building blocks for crop variety and bio-based product development and plant genetic studies nationally and internationally. There are approximately 3300 unique accessions in the CCG and this includes close to 130 pear accessions. The majority of the pear accessions are named cultivars but the collection also includes 17 Jesuit pear trees which are descendants of ancient trees established by French settlers in southwest Ontario in the 1700s.

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