

## BAKHMAL APPLES

Great experience was also gained in the field of gardening together with agriculture and cattle breeding in Uzbekistan. Gaining of the experience can be observed based on natural conditions, water, soil, weather and lifestyle in gardening. For example following regions are famous: Varganza (Kashkadarya) and Quva (Fergana) in pomegranate cultivation; Oltiariq (Fergana) and Parkent (Tashkent) by grape cultivation, Oltiariq by horse radish and cucumber cultivation and Samarkand regions by fig-tree cultivation. Exactly like this in Bakhmal district which is situated in mountainous territories of Jizzakh region, immense experience was gained by apple cultivation. The highest quality apples, which are sold in Uzbekistan's markets, were cultivated in Bakhmal.

Bakhmal gardeners have been passing experience of taking care of an apple-tree and keeping the harvest from generation to generation. The guarantee of abundant harvest are the secrets of when and how to cut tree branches, when and how to water, which fertilizer to use, how much to use. Bakhmal has its peculiar experience and knowledge concerning with keeping apples. Several methods can be observed in terms of keeping apples. Some people prefer keeping apples in wooden boxes; others argue that apples should be kept in ordinary boxes, which are placed in well aired room, adhering to certain temperature conditions. In spite of existence of special cooled rooms, outlined for keeping fruits, in Bakhmal, people continuing keeping them in an old, traditional way.



