



## **CHECKING FOR RIPENESS**

- Bartlett pears will turn yellow as it ripens but most pears do not change color. To check for ripeness, apply gentle pressure to the fruit's neck with your thumb. If it yields to pressure, the pear is ripe.
- Leave at room temperature until ripe. They can be moved into refrigeration to slow the ripening process and will store for up to 5 days.

## MERCHANDISING

- Pears make a great cross-merchandising partner with items like pastry shells, baking goods, cheese, yogurt, and bagged salad.
- Fall is peak time for pears, include pears along with apples in backto-school promotions; pears are a great healthy snack.
- Pear varieties are plentiful, offer plenty of varieties to your customers.

