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Book Review

Register of New Fruit and Nut Varieties (2nd Edition), 718 pages. By Reid M. Brooks and H. P. Olmo. University of California Press, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California 94720 and 50 East 42nd Street, Room 513, New York, N. Y. 10017. Price \$12.50.

The Register of New Fruit and Nut Varieties presents a collection and publication of accurate information on the name, origin, parentage and most valuable characteristics of new fruits and nuts originating in North America since 1920. Twenty-five lists have been previously published in the Proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science from 1944 to 1970 and this present summary incor-

porates the published material that appeared in lists 1 through 25.

The text describes 3,897 varieties and may be located in the index by name, species or patent number. Plant introduction numbers are shown where appropriate. Only varieties which have shown promise of becoming important commercially or that appear to have unusual characteristics useful to the breeder are described.

This text will be useful to plant breeders and research workers for reference work on varieties. It will be an invaluable source of information for the hobbyist who is interested in fruit and nuts,

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