

*Commercial Possibilities.* The large, attractive fruit and productivity are the main attributes of the new cultivar. It is a fresh fruit apricot specifically suited for local sales. For more distant markets 'Skaha' would be picked too early for the best flavor. The orange skin color that develops before fruit is picking ripe may deceive an

inexperienced grower and harm the cultivar. When picked at the right maturity, 'Skaha' is superior to 'Wenatchee,' the present fresh fruit cultivar in British Columbia.

Virus free propagation material is available from the Summerland Station.

## 'Summit' Sweet Cherry

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'Summit' is noted for its very large fruit of good flavor and fair resistance to cracking in rain.

*Origin.* 'Summit' originated from the cross 'Van' x 'Sam,' made in 1957. It was selected in 1964, tested as 4c-18-21 and named in 1973.

*Tree.* The tree of 'Summit' is vigorous and spreading. It is comparable to 'Bing' in hardiness to low winter temperatures. In the winter of 1964-65, with the minimum temperature of  $-15^{\circ}\text{F}$ , fruit spurs and blossom buds of 'Summit' were severely injured. The leaves are large and growing tips are light brownish red; leaf petioles are pubescent. 'Summit' comes into bearing earlier than 'Lambert' or 'Sam.' It produces moderate to heavy annual crops.

*Pollination Status.* 'Summit' is inter-fertile with 'Bing,' 'Lambert,' 'Van' and 'Salmo.'

*Fruit.* The fruit is very large, up to 13 grams, in comparison to a large 'Lambert' fruit of 8 to 9 grams. The fruit is heart-shaped, 'Lambert' type, dark red (Figure 1). The flesh is lighter in color than in 'Lambert' and is nearly as firm as 'Lambert' fruit. The flavor is mild, sweet and very good. Fruit cracking in rain is usually light, lower than in 'Lambert.' 'Summit' matures in the first or second

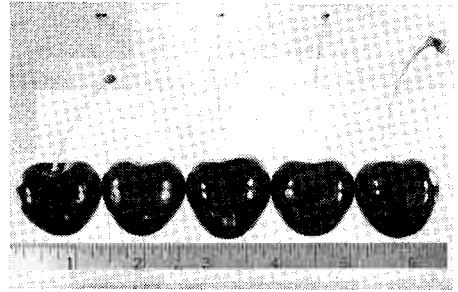


Fig. 1. 'Summit' Cherry.

week of July at Summerland, or 4 days before 'Van.' Fruit keeps in good condition on tree long after picking maturity. 'Summit' is a fresh fruit cultivar; the light flesh color prevents its use in commercial canning.

*Commercial Potential.* 'Summit' has promise in favorable growing areas as a cultivar producing consistently very large fruit that is fairly resistant to cracking. The evidence of lack in cold hardiness of the cultivar is inadequate, since in the latest test — winter 1964-65, only the original seedling tree was available for observation. The fruit may not be acceptable for commercial canning because of the light flesh color, but considering the large size of fruit its use in canning would not be considered.

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