

Fairland - a New Early Red-Steale Resistant Strawberry

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The Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland has released for propagation a strawberry variety named Fairland. The Fairland has been tested as US-3205 and it is a cross between Aberdeen and Fairfax. The cross was grown at Beltsville and the selection made in 1938.

Fairland ripens two to six days after Blakemore and Howard 17 (Premier) and about with Fairfax and Catskill. The fruit is large, light bright red, and somewhat firmer than either Howard 17 or Catskill and has been as productive as either variety. The plant has been commercially resistant to the red-steale root disease and hence may be planted in infected soils where Catskill and Howard 17 die out. So far it has been more productive than Temple, but is not so firm or so high-flavored:

Tests in New England, Michigan, Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia have shown the Fairland as best adapted to the region where Howard 17 is an important variety. The Fairland is suggested for trial in the regions in which Howard 17 is now grown. It is recommended particularly

for local market. Plants are available from cooperating nurseries. Neither the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering nor the University of Maryland has plants of this variety for distribution.



Strawberries, a high spot in any menu, or as a snack between meals. High in vitamins, easy on the figure.