

STRAWBERRY VARIETY NOTES

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This article is derived from the author's observations during the 1947 growing season. The material represents the results secured by commercial growers in various parts of New Jersey.

Sparkle in most fields was excellent in appearance, edible quality, plant vigor, and yield per acre. The berries attain good size and make an excellent frozen product. Sparkle is resistant to red stele root disease.

Pathfinder is very productive and is resistant to red stele. Pathfinder appears to be best adapted to central and northern New Jersey and especially where long shipping is not required.

Julymorn is a late variety which does not produce runners as vigorously as Sparkle or Pathfinder. The berries are large, firm, dark red throughout, and of good quality. It is very productive where soil moisture is abundant.

Redwing, another late variety, ripens just before Julymorn. The fruit is light in color and the first berries are large and wedge-shaped. Julymorn and Redwing are worthy of trial for the roadside market.

Midland, a United States Department of Agriculture introduction, is a productive variety which ripens early, about with Blakemore. The berries are

large and firm, and are lighter in color than Sparkle and Fairfax but not as light as Blakemore. The plants are large and form an average stand of runners.

Temple, another United States Department of Agriculture variety is resistant to red stele. The plants are vigorous and produce a heavy stand of runners. The berries are a bit lighter than Sparkle and similar in size and quality.

Redstar is a late ripening variety which has not been sufficiently productive to justify its use in a commercial planting. Runner production is poor and the fruit is frequently small, poorly shaped and variable.

Fairpeake is similar to Fairfax in appearance and quality. It seemed to be easy to pick and quite productive.

Maytime plants appeared somewhat small and weak with many runners and small berries.

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NEW VARIETIES

ST. CLAIR APPLE

Wealthy type, but earlier and stronger growing, very productive in Tennessee Valley.
(Origin: Lebanon, Illinois)

JUBILANT PEACH

Precedes regular Golden Jubilee by 7-10 days.

(Bud sport, Alabama Origin.
T.M. and Patent pending.)

Also: Red-leaf Peaches in variety,
new Plums, Orient Pear.

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