

more critical and exhaustive evaluation would be desirable but the material is nevertheless of value to fruit growers who are considering new plantings.
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CASHEW NUTS

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Although the cashew is not produced commercially in the United States it is an important item in the confectionary trade and should be of at least passing interest to all horticulturists.

The cashew plant is a small evergreen with large egg-shaped leaves, which produces clusters of small yellowish flowers. The fruit consists of a swollen receptacle or "apple" with a kidney shaped nut at the end.

The trees may be propagated by nuts or grafting. They should be planted on well-drained soil on a frost-free site. The trees respond to good cultivation although they are generally not cultivated. The most productive years are between the ages of 3 to 15 years. Good mature trees yield about 80 pounds of nuts.

The nut consists of an outer shell covering a soft honey-comb structure which surrounds the pink skin-encased kernel. The nuts are roasted, oil removed mechanically from the shell, and the pink skin rubbed off by hand after drying.

Most of the kernels are used for dessert and go to the United States with India being the principal exporter.

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BUSH BERRY CULTURE IN CALIFORNIA

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The first 12 pages of this informative circular are concerned with the importance of bush fruits in California as well as material on the costs of production, food value, and choice of location.

Varieties

The portion devoted to varieties covers 11 pages. A total of 52 varieties are described including 26 blackberries and related types, 8 red raspberries, 6 black and purple raspberries, 3 currants, 4 gooseberries, and 5 blueberries.

The material in this section is of interest to variety enthusiasts and especially those in regions having climatic conditions similar to those of California.

Information on Culture, Diseases and Insects

Brief instructions are given on propagation, planting, culture, irrigation and fertilization. A more detailed discussion of pruning and trellising covers 7 pages.

Diseases are described on 5 pages while 3 pages are given over to a discussion of insect problems.

Brief comments are also included on harvesting, packaging and marketing.

This bulletin contains material of real value to California growers. It is also of interest to growers in other states and may point the way to new approaches to the various problems of berry production.

—W.P.J.