

## RASPBERRY GROWING IN MICHIGAN

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This bulletin is typical of those which are written to supply growers with information on the production of specific fruit crops. The material is well organized and covers the entire range of production questions including planting and cultural operations, disease and insect control, harvesting and varieties.

### Notes on Varieties

#### RED RASPBERRIES

Latham is described as the leading commercial red raspberry.

Although Chief is productive, hardy and resistant to disease, the fruit is so small that this variety is recommended only where an early ripening sort is desired.

Milton is a new red raspberry which originated at the New York Experiment Station. This variety is useful to extend the picking season of Latham. The plants are vigorous, hardy, resistant to mosaic and produce large, conical, good quality berries.

Sunrise is a productive early variety but is not recommended because of the inferior quality of the fruit.

Taylor is recommended for trial as one of the best of the new red varieties. The plants are vigorous, hardy, and productive and somewhat susceptible to

virus disease which should be kept under control by rogueing. This variety does better on heavy than on sandy soil.

Washington has lacked vigor in Michigan and is somewhat susceptible to leaf spot diseases.

#### BLACK RASPBERRIES

Cumberland is the leading black raspberry in Michigan. The plants are vigorous and productive and somewhat susceptible to mosaic and anthracnose. Ripens in midseason:

Logan is an excellent early variety ripening about a week before Cumberland. Plants vigorous, healthy, and very productive.

Bristol is a vigorous, productive, variety with large, attractive, high quality fruits which ripen about the same time as Cumberland. Recommended for trial for home and market use.

Morrison is a desirable variety for extending the picking season. It ripens a little later than Cumberland.

#### PURPLE RASPBERRIES

Sodus is the best purple variety with large, firm, good quality berries. The plants are vigorous, very productive, and drought resistant. Somewhat susceptible to mosaic but superior to Columbian in this respect.

Marion ripens a week later than Sodus and may be used to prolong the picking season for purple raspberries.

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