

While none of the hybrid progenies has been really outstanding, their performance on the whole has been as satisfactory as that of the average clonal line. Further tests on this point are underway.

The results of fruit yields per plot suggested that there may have been noteworthy interactions between clone and year, clone and plant age, or maybe both. Unfortunately, the tests were not set up in such a way that this could be readily tested.

In summary, one can conclude that the fruit yields from plants set out in a systematic way, and given a reasonable amount of care, will yield approximately twice as much fruit in the first two or three fruiting cycles as will presently operated average to good lowbush blueberry fields.

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Rabbit Damage to Interstem Trees

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Jerry Mills, Rt. #1, Marine, Illinois, has reported rabbit damage to his three and four year old apple orchard of Stark Interstem trees. Trees on M-26 had negligible feeding injury.

Rabbit Damage to Interstems in Winter of 1977-78

Stock	No. trees planted	Completely girdled		Partially girdled	
		No.	%	No.	%
C-6	791	29	3.7	105	13.3
C-52	353	2	0.6	15	4.2

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