

Some European plums are self-fruitful, others are not. The grower should check his varieties before the planting is established to be sure a suitable selection is made to insure a fruitful orchard.

Peaches and nectarines are largely self-fruitful although there are a few exceptions to this rule. —W. P. J.



RED RASPBERRY VARIETIES IN MINNESOTA

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Newburgh red raspberry should rank first as a market variety in the Duluth region. One very convincing argument is that most growers of this variety who were in commercial production 8 to 10 years ago are still in production, while most plantings and replantings of other varieties including Latham have failed to survive over this period of years.

Madawaska appears to be fine for the home garden. It has been very productive and free from mosaic disease. The

fruit of Madawaska is of excellent size and flavor, and is fine for freezing and canning. It is of doubtful value as a shipping variety.

Taylor rates second best among the folks who buy my berries.

Willamette produces too many double berries to suit me, although the fruit is very large.

Rideau is a nice berry but not productive enough with me.

Ottawa seems remarkably hardy, even harder than Latham, but it is too subject to mosaic to be desirable even though it has been quite productive.

Trent is extremely early and a fairly nice berry but appears inferior to the extra early Minn. No. 321.

Although Tahoma has done rather well for me and is of high quality for freezing and canning, it is very susceptible to anthracnose and probably cannot be recommended for planting.

Milton produce a large, dry, firm berry but needs more testing under these climatic conditions before it can be recommended. —W.P.J.

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