

The Stoner Peach

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A new white peach called Stoner has been awarded Plant Patent No. 798. This peach originated in 1929 as a bud sport on an Early Elberta tree at the R. L. Stoner Fruit Farm near Dayton, Ohio.

An orchard planting of sixty-three Stoner peach trees was made in 1931. This original planting produced fourteen crops of fruit in fifteen years starting in 1934. The only crop failure occurred in 1936 following the very severe winter of 1935-36.

Stoner peach trees appear to be vigorous growers, consistent bearers, and

hardy in wood and bud. The fruit is large with an attractive flaming red blush and freestone. The flesh is creamy white, firm, and of fine texture. The skin is tough which gives good shipping characteristics and considerable resistance to brown rot. The skin is finely pubescent.

The Stoner peach is of fine quality to eat out of hand as well as for canning or freezing. At maturity the skin is easily peeled from the flesh.

Mr. Stoner has many enthusiastic customers for these white peaches from his orchard. Mrs. R. Eidemiller of Tipp City writes "I have canned the Stoner peach for ten years and find it to be one of the best peaches I have ever put in a can. I like the fine-grained, sweet-flavored, firm flesh. This peach holds up nicely in a can. I have never seen one stick to the seed."

The wife of a Common Pleas Judge, Mrs. C. Crawford of Dayton, has registered the following comments. "We find the Stoner peach the finest white peach we ever canned or froze. We like the firm, fine texture, and the way the skin peels off. We recommend to the jury of housewives that this peach be confined in a can or deep freeze until the family wants a real treat."

The Halderman's Nursery, Route 1, Tipp City, Ohio, has the exclusive right to propagate and sell the Stoner peach, plant patent No. 798.



Stoner Peach, a promising new white-fleshed bud sport of Early Elberta.