

STRAWBERRY VARIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES

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This is a very complete bulletin which contains information on strawberry varieties and many other items related to this subject. The first few pages are devoted to a discussion of the development of the strawberry industry of the United States, the origin and testing of varieties, climatic and soil adaptation, and fruit production and growth habit.

Varieties

Six pages are utilized for the listing of the more important varieties in the various states which produce strawberries in quantity.

A table is presented which contains a list of the principal strawberries in the United States in the order of their importance. The eight most important varieties with the percent of total acreage are as follows: Blakemore 34, Premier 12, Marshall 11, Klondike 7, Klonmore 7, Aroma 6, Missionary 4 and Catskill 4. The remaining 15 percent of the U. S. production is composed of Fairfax, Lupton, Redheart, Beaver, Dorsett, Massey, Robinson and a few other varieties.

Five outline maps of the United States are used to show the location of

the principal strawberry producing sections, the approximate periods of ripening of each section, and the regions in which various standard and new varieties are most important.

Blakemore and Tennessee Shipper are listed as particularly good shipping sorts. Massey, Klonmore, Klondike, Tennessee Beauty, Aroma, Redheart, Missionary and Lupton are also good for this purpose.

Premier (Howard 17) is considered superior to most other varieties in resistance of the flowers to frost injury.

Premier, Fairfax, Dorsett, Fairmore and Rockhill are resistant to all leaf diseases. The Marshall is very subject to virus diseases.

The Aberdeen, Fairland, and Temple are very resistant to red stele root disease. Sparkle is at least fairly resistant, and Pathfinder is resistant enough to yield well on most soils infested with the fungus that causes this disease.

For the home garden it is recommended that only one dependable variety be grown. Premier is suggested for most of the North region, Suwanee in the South, and Marshall on the Pacific coast.

The bulletin is concluded with four pages of detailed descriptions of twenty-eight of the more important varieties.

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