



Fruit of the Star sweet cherry

full crop, but not so thickly as to reduce fruit size.

Fruit.—Star is a black cherry, somewhat of Lambert shape. Indications are that it is of similar size, firmness and

quality to Bing, and also that it is somewhat similar in its susceptibility to cracking. It attains a very attractive, deep, rich, dark red color, merging into black and the juice is also a very dark red.

Pollination.—Three years' tests indicate that Star is inter-fertile with Van, but it appears to be unsuitable as a pollinizer for Bing or Lambert and not to be satisfactorily pollinized by those varieties.

Commercial status.—Only time and experience will determine the commercial value of this new cherry, but the evidence available to date indicates that it is worthy of trial by growers who are interested in producing a high quality black cherry ripening about a week earlier than Bing.

At the present time budwood of Star is not available from the Summerland Experimental Station, but trees of the variety are being propagated by several nurserymen in British Columbia. Growers who may consider planting Star for trial are reminded that sufficient trees of Van cherry should be grown with the Star to ensure good pollination.



RED STELE DISEASE OF STRAWBERRIES

In 1946 red stele disease caused much damage to the strawberry planting on the Kentucky Experiment Station farm and seemed also to be spreading in

commercial areas. Blakemore, Premier, Catskill, Fairfax, Tennessee Shipper, Tennessee Beauty, Tennessee Supreme and Gandy were susceptible—all to about the same degree.

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