

Early varieties have not been planted extensively in Massachusetts because of competition from New Jersey. Of the early varieties, Cabot has been planted mostly commonly. Because of its many weaknesses, such as susceptibility to winter injury and the stunt disease, tendency to drop badly when ripe and crack badly after rains, and lack of flavor, it is considered of value only for its earliness. It is planted to a limited extent where early berries are desired for a roadside stand or local market. Weymouth and June have been too lacking in vigor and productiveness under Massachusetts conditions.

Rancocas never has been popular with Massachusetts growers. Although it produces a vigorous bush, it has not been a consistently heavy producer and the size of the berries decreases too

rapidly as the season progresses.

Atlantic, Burlington and Pemberton have been planted to a very limited extent on a trial basis. Atlantic appears to be quite vigorous and productive. The berries are large, attractive and have good flavor but drop badly when ripe. Burlington seems to be somewhat lacking in vigor and the berries are small, but it has the advantage of lateness. Pemberton is vigorous and productive. The berries have a good flavor and are large and attractive. It is gaining slightly in favor but because of its poor scar will probably not become a leading commercial variety.

The two recently introduced varieties, Berkeley and Coville, are under test but not enough is known about them to evaluate their usefulness under Massachusetts conditions.



## TENNESSEE PROLIFIC RED RASPBERRY

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The Tennessee Prolific red raspberry was secured by crossing Lloyd George and Tennessee Seedling VVF 169 in 1935. It was isolated from the same progeny group as Tennessee Luscious.

Tennessee Prolific first fruited in 1937 and was at once selected as a promising seedling. One crop of fruit is produced annually under Tennessee conditions, followed by a few stray berries in the fall.

Tennessee Prolific ripens late, about the same season as Latham. The plants

are tall, upright, vigorous; hardy in Tennessee and productive. The fruit is firm and handles well. It makes an excellent frozen-pack and should be valuable for this purpose. In color it is a somewhat deeper red than Latham. The quality is good to excellent, both fresh and cooked. The plant produces suckers freely and has been very healthy. Anthracnose is troublesome, but no more so than with other standard varieties. One planting that was set in an old nursery plot went out with crown gall in about 7 years. Tennessee Prolific should be valuable for commercial plantings as well as in the home garden.

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