

frequently but does not bear large crops unless another source of pollen is provided.

The somewhat smaller spherical fruit of the Superba variety is nevertheless of excellent quality. This variety too exhibits partial self-sterility, thus fruit set is enhanced when other pollen sources are made available.

While relatively unknown and unexploited at present the feijoa offers some possibility of becoming a fruit of at least minor importance in California. New outlets such as frozen pulp packs of feijoa which may be used directly as dessert fruit or as flavoring for ice-creams or beverages may possibly increase the popularity of this fruit.



TESTING STRAWBERRY VARIETIES

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A fine plan for testing strawberry varieties is being initiated in Massachusetts:

The plan is briefly as follows: Fifty plants each of 5 varieties will be delivered to a widely distributed list of strawberry growers. These plants will be set together and receive the same care as the grower gives to his own planting. Each of the cooperating growers will be asked to space the plants in his usual way, and in 1950, keep yield records by varieties. Howard 17, or Premier, and Catskill will be included in each test. The other three varieties are Sparkle, Midland, and Fairland. By including Howard 17, one of the most commonly grown varieties as a yard-

stick, a direct comparison with the other varieties will be possible.

The advantages of this method of testing strawberry varieties are obvious. A variety which does well on Cape Cod is not necessarily well adapted to the upland soils in Franklin County. Howard 17, does fairly well on light soil. Others require heavier, more retentive soil. By growing the same five varieties in a number of localities, on different soil types and at different elevations, we will be able to obtain some valuable information.

This system of testing should produce some valuable results. It would appear to be a plan which other states might include in their experiment station program.

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