

three or more taste panels, such as 'Shamrock,' will be removed, unless, like 'Delicious,' they are needed as controls. Cultivars which consistently rank high, such as 'Fuji' and 'Braeburn,' will be recommended to growers. More testing is needed to reach conclusions about the large number of cultivars which only occasionally rank high. It is important to learn the conditions under which these cultivars perform well.

Apple taste tests in Germany (8) showed that preference for each cultivar varied between seasons. Also, in some seasons cultivars were rated higher in the autumn, but in other seasons the same cultivars were preferred in the spring. We have seen this result most notably with 'Jonagold,' 'Brock,' and 'Mutsu' (Table 3). In Holland (3), well-colored fruits of 'Jonagold' tasted better than poorly-colored fruits, with differential effect of picking and assessment dates being slight. It seems likely that temperatures in 1988 and possibly also in 1989 were

too high for development of good quality 'Jonagold' at Corvallis. Fruits in our samples had little red color.

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"Enie, Menie, Miney, Moe"

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In 1947, the Agriculture Canada research station in Ottawa had several pear selections that looked promising. The decision about which clone to name was apparently quite daunting, and so a children's game was employed to decide between the four finalists. In the end, researchers either must not have remembered, or (as is often the case with the youngsters in my family) could not agree on the last verse of the poem, and so all four clones were named. The four cultivars are enumerated in the title of this short essay.

'Menie' was derived from the cross

'Kurskaya' x 'Flemish Beauty,' and the other three have the pedigree 'Zuckerbirne' x 'Clapp Favorite.' These cultivars were released for home garden use in eastern Ontario and Quebec and in general were cold hardy and reasonably resistant to fireblight. 'Menie' and 'Moe' are represented in the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository pear collection. The repository is looking for scions of 'Enie' and 'Miney' to complete this quartet.

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