

Robinson—Scarlet Beauty, Cardinal King
Sparkle—Paymaster

All of these newly named varieties have been and many still are offered for sale by nurserymen. The Brilliant and Parish are patented names with descriptions that supposedly differentiate these from other varieties. As grown in plots at Beltsville, they were indistinguishable from Gem and Dunlap, respectively.

The question of whether there is a difference between virus-free stock of Howard 17 and regular stocks has been reviewed by Dr. Bell in Volume 10, Number 4, of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*. The authors have no further information to add to that fine review. Freedom of the plants from viruses might cause some of the differences reported.

The main purpose of this paper is to point out that certain "newer" varieties of strawberries are indistinguishable from older strawberries and that growers will gain little or nothing from the use of such "newer" varieties.—*D. H. Scott and G. M. Darrow, Horticultural Crops Research Branch, U.S.D.A., Beltsville, Md.*

Comments on Peaches

The 1956 season was one in which peach varieties forgot their manners and ripened when they pleased. For instance, at one time in the packing shed at Vincennes, Indiana, they were packing Jerseyland, Redhaven, Golden Jubilee, Fairhaven, Halehaven and Sullivan Early Elberta. In northern Ohio, Fairhaven, which has been normally ripening in the last third of the Redhaven season, did not ripen until nearly a week after Redhaven. In the

same area, Loring and Blake which are supposed to ripen in Sullivan Early Elberta season, were ripening with Redskin and Elberta.—*C. L. Burkholder, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.*

Season of Red Raspberry Varieties

In order to obtain an objective measure of the season of ripening for red raspberry varieties, A. P. French, of the University of Massachusetts, divided the harvest season into thirds. The percentage of the crop harvested for each variety in the first and last third of the season was determined during 1953, 1954 and 1955 and reported as follows:

Variety	Season of Harvest	
	Percent early	Percent late
Tweed ¹	86.8	0
Gatineau	72.3	3.2
Durham ¹	68.5	1.8
Sunrise	64.6	5.7
Antietam ²	61.8	4.6
September	56.0	14.1
Madawaska	55.9	11.5
Chief	40.7	11.2
Early Red ³	38.4	20.5
Willamette	33.0	13.9
Viking	27.0	19.7
Cuthbert ²	18.4	15.4
Latham	18.1	24.3
Milton ²	1.2	44.7
Amber	0	47.7

¹1953 only

²1954 and 1955 only

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The summer crops only of the ever-bearing varieties September and Durham are included in the above table. The season of ripening of Willamette, Viking and Amber was probably influenced by the severe winter injury that occurred in these varieties in 1955.