

Peach Varieties for Ontario

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To achieve success in peach growing, it has become increasingly important to plant varieties that are most attractive. In the early season there is a long list of varieties that ripen before Redhaven. The majority have become antiquated. I have pulled out everything except Dixired, Tulip and Cardinal. These three highly colored varieties are similar in appearance. My favorite is Cardinal. The challenger for highest honors in this early season is Stanley Johnston's new peach, Sunhaven.

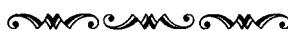
Redhaven, Jerseyland, Early Halehaven, Golden Jubilee, Stark's Delicious and Dixigem tend to ripen at approximately the same time. This ripening tendency has produced a knotty marketing problem. Redhavens have become so well known and popular, that it is difficult to sell any other varieties that ripen with them. For Redhaven season, I am planting Redhavens only.

Following the Redhaven season is a long list of varieties that ripen about the same time, namely, July Elberta, Fairhaven, Triogem, Southland, Halehaven, Valient, Vedette, Sunhigh, Gold East and so on. These are all good varieties that sell fairly well even when in competition with one another. Sunhigh, Valient, July Elberta, Gold East and Southland, however, have the drawback of being subject, in some years, to severe infections of bacterial leaf spot. However, I have no intentions of pulling out any of the above varieties until the trees are past the age of profitable production. Coming into prominence as a real challenger for top spot in this season is Stanley Johnston's new Richhaven. Richhaven will probably grow in pop-

ularity until it captures the market in this season. In the meantime, I intend to plant a few Keystone and Triogem.

I have pulled out Sullivan Elberta. Unfortunately, there seems to be no outstanding variety to fill its place. I am planting Loring and watching Blake and Merrill Forty-Niner. Loring appears to ripen a few days too soon, and Blake a few days too late. Merrill Forty-Niner looks good.

In Elberta season, it is Elberta versus Redskin, with slow sales for Elbertas when Redskin is offered in competition. I am replacing my Elbertas with Redskins.



Renaming of Strawberry Varieties

For a number of years the authors have tested many of the newer varieties of strawberries in comparison with older varieties at Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md. Observations have been made at times of similar tests at other places. From such comparisons, it has been observed that some of the newer varieties are indistinguishable and probably identical with older varieties that have been in the trade previously. Some of the newly named varieties that appear indistinguishable from the older ones are as follows, the original name being listed first:

Armore—Red Cluster

Dunlap—Parish

Fairfax—Grandview, Cummerbund

Gem—Superfection, Brilliant

Howard 17—Polar Queen, Golden Bell

Midland—Crimson Flash, Adonis