

A New Peach Envoy From New Jersey to Ontario

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Envoy is a new peach for the Niagara Peninsula and probably other Northern peach growing areas. It is being jointly introduced by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and the Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland, Ontario. It was originated in New Jersey and first showed commercial promise in Ontario, being tested there as New Jersey 102.

Envoy ripens about midway between Golden Jubilee and Vedette and thus fits very well into the ripening sequence of the varieties recommended for Ontario. The fruit is similar in many respects to that of the earlier "V" peaches. It is a fully freestone peach of good quality, with tender, melting, yellow flesh.

Envoy was selected from a progeny from J. H. Hale pollinated with Sunbeam. The cross was made at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station in 1925 and the seedling fruited for the first time and was selected in 1929. The tree is vigorous and productive with dormant fruit buds that are hardier than those of Elberta. The flowers are showy and perfect with viable pollen. The fruit ripens approxi-

mately 3½ weeks before Elberta or about five days after Golden Jubilee. It is medium to large in size, round to slightly oval, with medium pubescence. The surface is about ¾ covered with red over a bright yellow ground-color. The flesh is clear yellow and of fine texture. The quality is good, well above Elberta. It should be quite satisfactory for processing, both canning and freezing, although it has not been tested extensively.

Envoy (N. J. 102) was first selected at New Brunswick, New Jersey, because of its productivity, attractiveness and quality. It has been outstanding in these attributes every year since that time. It has always been recorded as being fully freestone. It ripened right with selections that were firmer and thus better suited to the needs of New Jersey growers. *Envoy* was of better quality, more consistently freestone and just as productive or even more so than the other selections; but its tender flesh made it unsatisfactory for a commercial shipping peach. Consequently, Triogem and Newday were selected and named in 1938 for New Jersey.

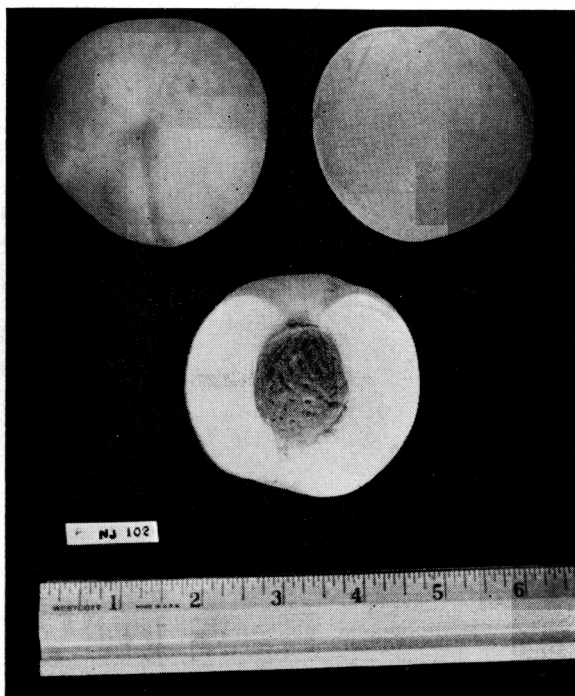
It seemed, however, that a selection with so many desirable characteristics might have a place in some other peach growing area. Consequently, Envoy was distributed as N.J. 102 for limited tests in New England in 1936 and 1937. The first trees were sent to the Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland, Ontario, in the spring of 1937. The performance in Ontario has been quite comparable to that observed in New Jersey. It has been a consistently good producer in good seasons and bad, exhibiting above average hardiness. The fruit has been

medium large in size, attractive, of good quality, and always a freestone.

During the past five years more than 15,000 trees of Envoy have been planted in Ontario by more than 60 growers.

This variety has been very consistent in its performance during the 20 years since it first fruited. Since it appears to be so well adapted to the Niagara Peninsula, it should be well worthy of trial in other Northern peach growing areas where fruit growers have a market for varieties of this sort.

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THE NEW ENVOY

A promising productive, early yellow freestone peach.