

Introducing Topred Delicious

Within the past few years several super-red sports of Delicious have been introduced, sports of both the Starking and Richared. To add to its list of outstanding commercial introductions the Columbia & Okanogan Nursery is introducing this season, a sport of the Shotwell Delicious—the first known sport of this outstanding commercial apple.

The Shotwell Delicious was the first Delicious sport ever to receive a U. S. Plant Patent, and up to the introduction of the new early coloring sports, was the earliest coloring of the Delicious sports. The sport limb on the original Shotwell Delicious tree was first noticed by Mr. Leonard Hutchinson in his orchard near Tonasket, Washington. The fruit on this particular limb already showed considerable red when the Shotwell Delicious had not started coloring. Upon continuing to watch this limb, Mr. Hutchinson noted that by mid-August the fruit on this limb was almost fully colored whereas the remainder of the fruit on the Shotwell tree was just beginning to show good color.

The next spring Mr. Hutchinson topworked two young trees and also arranged with the C. & O. Nursery to test the variety. Second generation fruit has now been produced for three years and shows the same characteristics as the parent limb, so that it has been proven the variety is a true bud sport. The comment made by one prominent horticulturist, when comparing it with other similar sports, that this new sport "tops them all" . . . prompted our giving it the name Topred Delicious.

Topred Delicious appears to be one of the earliest coloring of all the super red sports now being offered commer-

cially. The apple starts coloring with stripes which are scarcely visible in the beautiful over-all finish color. It is hoped that this variety will prove a real asset to the fruit industry. U. S. Plant Patent has been applied for.—*John Snyder, Wenatchee, Wash.*



New Canadian Sweet Cherries

The following sweet cherry varieties were introduced by the Vineland Horticultural Experiment Station of Canada in 1953:

Vista: A dark, firm cherry that matures with Black Tartarian. Growers like it for its size, appearance and earliness.

Venus: A high quality black cherry that resists cracking. Matures five days after Vista.

Vic: Matures with Windsor, but is better for canning, with larger and darker colored fruit. Is a consistently heavy bearer, and makes a satisfactory frozen and maraschino product.



A report from the West Slope Branch Experiment Station, Austin, Colorado, indicates that the fruit of the apple varieties Crandall and Monroe from that area have been poor in appearance, have not kept well. Monroe is very susceptible to fire blight.



Van Cherry

The Van cherry was introduced in 1943 because of its excellent quality, early bearing, hardness and resistance to splitting. It has become very popular in British Columbia. However, according to Dr. D. V. Fisher, of the Summerland Experiment Station, Van often sets twice as many fruits as other varieties, and growers are having a problem of too many small fruits.