

um acid, probably a little strong for best dessert quality. It is rated superior to Latham in flavor, but not as sweet as Chief. Refractometer readings for Boyne gave 10.0 percent soluble solids, Chief—10.6 percent, and Latham—9.2 percent. With a sweetness nearly equal to Chief, it is a pleasant berry to eat out of hand or as dessert, and is rated good to very good for this purpose.

One of the strong attributes of Boyne has been excellent processing quality. As an all-around berry for freezing and canning, the Station Processing Laboratory has rated it equal or better than Madawaska in ap-

pearance, texture and flavor, although different in flavor. As a general purpose berry it is considered very good to excellent.

Boyne is especially adapted for home garden use and for local markets and processing outlets. Whether the berry has sufficient firmness for distant shipping or successive handling has not been fully determined. In co-operative tests, it has proved to be especially adapted to southern Manitoba conditions and is being introduced primarily for this area. Early tests indicate, however, that it may have wider adaptation.

Early June, A New Blackberry for the South

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Early June, an improved early blackberry adapted to southern conditions, has been released by the Georgia Experiment Station. A cross between the unnamed selections N.C. No. 36 and U.S.D.A. No. 266, it ripens its fruit during the first two weeks of June at Experiment, Georgia.

The fruit is borne in large clusters on long fruiting branches, and is therefore easy to pick. The jet-black berries are large, round, medium-firm and excellent in flavor. They are high in soluble solids and are acid enough to make good pies, jam and jelly.

The plants of Early June are vigorous, trailing and semi-thornless. They appear to be partially resistant to anthracnose and leaf spot and have not required spraying for these diseases in any test plantings.

Early June has been tested successfully in Alabama, and Mississippi as well as in Georgia. However this new variety is tender to cold and is therefore being recommended only for the

southern half of the blackberry belt.

The Early June blackberry is recommended highly for home use because of its early maturity and its excellent fruit quality.



Figure 1. Fruit of Early June, a jet black blackberry of excellent flavor.

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