

New English Sweet Cherries

Of the sweet cherries now being recommended to British growers by Mr. Norman Stewart, Head, Department of Horticulture, Kent Farm Institute, Borden, England, are three varieties originated at the John Innes Institution. They are as follows:

Merton Favorite: ripens its red-mahogany fruit first week of July. It has a good habit of growth, with many laterals, and bears well.

Merton Bigarreau: ripens second week of July. Bears heavy crops of beautiful mahogany fruit of fine flavor. Fruit stems are very short.

Merton Glory: harvested first or second week of July. An attractive light cherry that may prove useful for processing.



Peaches in New Jersey

With regard to peach varieties in New Jersey, we have been very pleased with the performance of the new *Collins* variety, which is an early ripening yellow-fleshed peach. This is the earliest ripening, good, yellow-fleshed peach that we have ever had. Its most serious drawback is canker susceptibility, which may limit its planting. However, at the present time, it is being planted heavily.

Another peach variety that looks very good, although we have seen it only on young trees, is *Sunhaven*, which probably will supersede *Early East* and *N. J.-137* here in New Jersey. It is a better variety than either of these and is an excellent one to follow *Sunrise* and to precede *Jerseyland*.

Redhaven is continuing its fine production here in New Jersey and is being planted steadily and is increasing.

The *Blake* variety, as you know, is very popular here, and no trees are

available at the present time. We need a variety to precede *Blake* that is better than *Redcrest*. Perhaps *Suncrest* will be a variety to replace *Redcrest*. *Redcrest* as you know is not a high quality; but because of its attractive appearance, it is being planted a little more than it was a few years ago.

We have had a chance to observe *Coronet*. This is a good variety, but it lacks bud hardiness. This is also a problem in some orchards with the *Blake* variety.

Keystone also looks very promising. However, it may not be annually productive and we hope that it is not planted too heavily until we have had a longer look at it. Some growers are quite interested in *Red Globe*; and although we have only seen a little fruit on some young trees, we find it an attractive peach. It may find a place in New Jersey.—*E. G. Christ, Extension Specialist, Rutgers University.*



More on Tydeman's Early Worcester Apple

I noted with interest the information on the Tydeman's Early Worcester variety in Vol. 14, No. 4 of *FRUIT VARIETIES AND HORTICULTURAL DIGEST*. Fruits of the Tydeman's Early Worcester in our variety evaluation program are sizing well and will soon be ripe. The variety seems to be extremely susceptible to fire blight, which would certainly be a disadvantage for those areas that are sometimes menaced with this disease. Our present readings would indicate that it is at least as susceptible as Bartlett pears; and the disease develops rather rapidly once initial infection takes place.—*Paul Stark, Jr., Stark Bro's Nurseries, Louisiana, Mo.*