

Table II. Ranking and fruit yields (number 24-quart crates per acre) of Midway in relation to highest yielding variety at eight locations.¹

Location	Year	Midway		Highest yielding variety	
		Ranking	Yield	Yield	Variety
Lafayette, Ind.	1958	3/25 ²	267	317	Catskill
Lafayette, Ind.	1959	9/24	213	296	Armore
Amherst, Mass.	1959	7/31	435	692	Orland
Sodus, Mich.	1959	4/10	238	327	Robinson
Columbia, Mo.	1958	7/27	376	491	Pocahontas
Columbia, Mo.	1959	1/25	459	459	Midway
Columbia, Mo.	1960	14/31	133	212	Surecrop
New Brunswick, N. J.	1959	1/10	381	381	Midway
Seabrook, N. J.	1958	412	Earlidawn
Wooster, Ohio	1958			760	Erie
Wooster, Ohio	1959			445	Armore
Wooster, Ohio	1960			738	Trumpeter
North East, Pa.	1958			596	Catskill

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²The 3/25 indicates that Midway was the third highest yielding variety of 25 tested.



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Sports of Jonathan in Virginia

We have tested about a half dozen red sports of Jonathan in our variety orchard. But we seldom have difficulty in obtaining satisfactory fruit color on even the standard strains of Jonathan under our conditions. Our elevation of approximately 2200 feet above sea level permits satisfactory fruit color development except in seasons that are exceptionally warm (as was the case in 1959), or under conditions of heavy nitrogen applications to the trees. We believe that the Jon-a-red sport of Jonathan is at least as good as any other sport of Jonathan that we have tested. In some years the color on Jon-a-red is superior to the fruit color of other strains. Blackjon also has been a satisfactory performer under eastern conditions.—G. D. Oberle, *Va. Polytech. Inst., Blacksburg, Va.*