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Nemaguard, New Rootstock for Peach

A rootstock for peach, tested as FV 234-1, and released to nurserymen by the U. S. D. A. in 1959, has just been named "Nemaguard". A seedling obtained from seed labeled as *Prunus davidiana*, the tree and fruit characteristics more closely resemble true peach.

The tree of Nemaguard has about the same chilling requirements as Elberta. Most varieties seem to be com-

patible with it. Seed germinates well. Several varieties on Nemaguard stocks have grown and yielded well in orchard tests at Beltsville and Davis. Most important of all, it appears to be highly resistant to the important species of root knot nematode.

Trees on Nemaguard have shown trunk damage associated with winter injury at Fort Valley, which may limit its use in northern areas.

Budwood is available from the U. S. D. A. Stations at Fresno, Cal.; Fort Valley, Ga.; and Beltsville, Md.