

**SUWANNEE—**

**A New Home-Garden Strawberry**

By Loomis, N. H. and Darrow, G. M. 1945. Miss Agr. Exp. Sta. Circ. 123.

This new strawberry, a Missionary-Howard 17 cross, is adapted to home gardens in the south and produces large yields of very high quality berries which ripen over a long picking season. This new variety is probably too vegetative to be grown north of Maryland and is not firm enough for marketing. The Suwannee strawberry is suggested for trial in regions where Blackmore is grown, and southward to central Mississippi. Runner plants are produced so freely that they should be thinned for best results. The flower stems are shorter than the leaf stems and are therefore somewhat protected from frost. The deep green foliage is resistant to leaf scotch and susceptible to leaf spot in about the same degree as Blackmore, and has been entirely free from "yellows".

The berry ripens early, is blunt, long conic in shape with a distinct neck. The fruit color is bright red, uniform to the center, and without a cavity. In Mississippi and Virginia yields have been very high. —W.P.J.

**FRUIT TREE PLANTING DISTANCES**

By C. B. Kelley, Vineland, Ontario Horticultural Experiment Station Report for 1943 and 1944:59-60. 1945.

The returns from a questionnaire sent to fruit growers in the Niagara district indicate that fruit tree planting distances used in the past were frequently too close for efficient use of present-day orchard equipment. The data of the following table show the intention of growers to use wider spacing in new orchards.

**PER CENT OF TREES 20 FEET APART, OR MORE**

	Bearing Orchards	Future Plantings
Peach	29.0	66.5
Pear	19.0	32.6
Plum	19.8	43.3
Sour cherry	35.2	65.5

**PER CENT OF TREES 25 FEET APART, OR MORE**

Sweet cherry	24.2	45.1
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