

Reviews and Abstracts

Blueberry Research—Fifty Years of Progress. 1960. Edited by J. N. Moore and N. F. Childers. Published by N. J. Agr. Exp. Station.

This is a report of blueberries compiled from papers presented at the Conference of State and Federal Research and Extension Workers and Growers Conference, held July 6 and 7, 1960 at Rutgers University. Those who enjoyed the article on blueberry varieties published in the last issue of **FRUIT VARIETIES and HORTICULTURAL DIGEST** will want to see this report as well.

Among the contributors are top blueberry authorities such as G. M. Darrow (to whom the report is dedicated), J. S. Bailey, D. H. Scott and many others. Included in the report are such topics as History of Blueberry Research, Breeding for Winter Hardiness, and Breeding Blueberries for Horticultural Characters.

You might try writing to J. N. Moore, of Rutgers University to see whether copies of the blueberry report are still available.

Red and Purple Raspberries. . . Their Identification from Plant Primocanes. 1960. By O. C. Roberts and A. S. Colby. Mass. Agr. Exp. Sta. Bulletin No. 523.

This bulletin is an excellent key to the identification and description of 36 red and purple raspberry varieties now available and commonly grown in North America. The authors' objective is to help in the early identification of varieties and thereby prevent the spread of variety mixtures.

Each detailed technical description of a variety is followed by a summary of the most outstanding characteristics of that variety. Parentage is also given.

The comments on descriptive characters, the photographic plates provided as illustrations, the glossary and literature citations will be very helpful to anyone trying to identify raspberry varieties by means of this bulletin.

This publication is a cooperative endeavour of the Universities of Massachusetts and Illinois by two Emeritus Professors—O. C. Roberts, long active in the True-to-Name Nursery Stock Program, and formerly of the University of Massachusetts; and A. S. Colby, formerly with the University of Illinois, raspberry breeder, and a past president of the American Pomological Society.



Yields of Apple Varieties in Ohio

E. W. Ellenwood, of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station reports on the comparative yields of leading apple varieties planted at Wooster, Ohio in 1947. Half of the trees were on seedling rootstocks, and half on Hibernial. Trees on Hibernial out-yielded the others by a considerable margin, an advantage of 73.4 bu. per acre for the ten years from 1947 to 1957.

The following figures show the total 10 year fruit production of the leading varieties:

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Melrose	1,057
Cortland	857
Turley	851
Ruby	840
Rome Beauty	807
Jonathan	780
R. I. Greening	769
Gallia Beauty	744
Baldwin	743
Delicious	738