

International Horticultural Congress

The 16th International Horticultural Congress will be held August 31 to September 8, 1962 in Brussels, Belgium, under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science. Papers presented will cover all areas of horticulture. In the fruit growing section, subjects will include breeding, propagation, soils, nutrition, pest control, and so on. An elaborate horticultural exhibit is being prepared. There will be excursions to all important Belgian horticultural centers.

For more information, write to The Secretary, XVIth International Horticultural Congress, 233 Coupure links, Ghent, Belgium.



Molalla, A New Processing Strawberry Variety

The U.S.D.A. and the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station has this year introduced the strawberry variety, Molalla, for propagation only. Plants will be available from these propagators for sale to growers in the spring of 1962. Molalla originated as a seedling from the cross US-Oreg. 2136 x US-Oreg. 2242 made in 1952, and selected in the spring of 1954 at Corvallis, Oregon. The selection, designated as US-Oreg. 2416, and named Molalla, has been tested extensively in Oregon.

Molalla ripens in mid-season about one week later than Marshall. The berries are medium large, becoming smaller toward the end of the season. Color is a uniform, rich, red throughout the flesh, and is attractive when sliced in the frozen pack. Surface is

firm and the flesh, very firm. Shape is irregular-conic, especially the first berries, becoming more uniform toward the end of the season. Flavor is sub-acid and excellent in the frozen pack.

Plants are vigorous, produce many runners, and have dark green leaves that are only slightly susceptible to mildew. Under field conditions, plants appear virus-tolerant and red stele-resistant. Yields have ranged from five to eight tons per acre.

Molalla has been released as a red stele-resistant and virus-tolerant variety, especially for areas where Northwest and Marshall have failed because of diseases.



Williams—a New Blackberry

A new semi-erect blackberry named Williams has been announced by Mississippi State University. It is a seedling selection of Himalaya x Taylor, grown and selected in North Carolina. It was tested in North Carolina by C. F. Williams, and in Mississippi by J. P. Overcash, and has proved to be quite productive.

Williams berries are medium in size, glossy black and firm, and ripen with good quality in late June. Plants are very vigorous, thorny, and resistant to most cane and leaf diseases.



Melrose Apple in Michigan

Walter Toenjes, of the Graham Experiment Station, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reports that the Melrose apple develops excellent quality at his location. But he also points out that it is not well-colored, and shows somewhat of a rough finish, in some years.