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Apple and Pear Varieties in France

There is a very strong trend in France toward the Golden Delicious apple, according to D. G. Williams, Assistant U. S. Agricultural Attache in Paris France. In 1961, 90 percent of nursery apple trees were grafted to Golden Delicious. Apples are grown mostly in south and southwest France, between the Rhone and Garonne River, and in the eastern Loire Valley, near Angers.

Pears are also planted heavily in this area, mostly Bartlett, Dr. Guyot, Comice, Hardy, Duke of Bordeaux and Passes Crassane.

N. J. 157 (*Jerseybelle x Utah Shipper*) is a promising New Jersey selection of strawberry. It is very productive. Berries are as large or larger than Jerseybelle, attractive and of good quality. Bred by L. F. Hough and selected by J. N. Moore, it will probably be named in 1962, and available in 1963.

The strawberry 'Earlidawn' is being tried in Michigan by more and more growers, according to Harry Bell, of Michigan State University. Where verticillium wilt is not a problem, Earlidawn is surpassing in yield even Robinson, Michigan's leading commercial variety.

Dr. W. H. Upshall, current president of the American Pomological Society, and director of the Horticultural Experiment Station, Vineland Station, Ontario, has been elected as a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the highest honor this organization can bestow upon one of its members.

Tifblue, is a new Rabbiteye blueberry introduced by the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. It is vigorous upright plant. Berries are medium-large, firm, highly flavored and light blue. Test area recommended for Tifblue extends from Kentucky and Virginia south to the Coastal Plain.