

fruiting seasons and appears to be moderately hardy. The quality is fair. The greenish-white skin color, with only a slight blush, detracts from appearance.

Raritan Rose has fruited in 10 of 11 seasons, yielding from 10 to 70 percent of a full crop. The consistency in production of this white-fleshed freestone, plus its good quality, and attractiveness make it one of the recommended varieties.

Surecrop has been observed for only three fruiting seasons and is included in this group because it bore 90 percent of a full crop following the -25°F . temperature in 1960. The 1961 yield was only 10 percent of a crop, indicating that it is subject to cold injury. The fruit are of good quality, but clingstone.

Tremmel (plant patent 1925) is a seedling variety discovered at Sigourney, Iowa. It is one of the hardiest yellow-fleshed varieties in the test and was the only variety to bear fruit in 1957. Thinning of the fruit has been required in some years. The fruit is freestone and of fair quality. It has a dark red skin covered with heavy fuzz, which makes it difficult to market.

Veteran has been erratic in performance. It bore heavily in 1960 and very lightly in 1961. The fruit characters of this variety are not outstanding in any way.

White Hale has not been hardy according to the ratings, but it has been a consistent bearer of light crops of exceptionally large, attractive fruit. The excellent quality and large size of this variety make it worthy of trial planting.

The results of this test indicate that all currently popular commercial varieties of peaches tested do not possess sufficient hardiness for Southwest Iowa. Several varieties such as

Colora, Early White Giant, Prairie Dawn, Radiance, Raritan Rose and Tremmel have above average bud hardiness, but lack the dessert market quality necessary for commercial use. The search for a yellow-fleshed freestone peach variety of reliable hardiness and suitable for commercial production must be continued.

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Annual Meeting of American Pomological Society in Yakima

Once again the time for the annual meeting of the American Pomological Society approaches. This year it will take place in Yakima, Wash., and will be held jointly with the Washington State Horticultural Association, Dec. 3, 4 and 5, 1962.

The program will include a fruit variety roundtable discussion; and a fine fruit exhibit. Among the speakers will be W. H. Upshall, current president of A.P.S., and Ed Gould, member of the Executive Board.

This meeting, the first in the West since 1948, will give members in that region an excellent opportunity to participate in an annual meeting of A.P.S., and it is hoped that they will take advantage of the opportunity. All other members and interested parties are also very welcome to attend. It should be an exceptionally good meeting, so, mark your calendars accordingly.—G. M. Kessler, *Secretary-Treasurer*.