

The foliage is less susceptible to apple scab than McIntosh. To date, the Macoun seems quite resistant to fire blight. The blooming season is late and this variety is therefore useful as a pollinizer for Northern Spy and Rome Beauty.

The Macoun apple is recommended for limited commercial planting, especially for roadside trade where a high quality cooking and eating apple is desired.

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THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FRUITS, BERRIES AND NUTS AND HOW TO GROW THEM

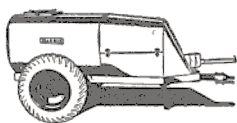
By A. E. Wilkinson, 1945
(Univ. of Conn.)
271 pages Blakiston Co.

When we consider that this is only an average sized book in a very economical edition, we must compliment the author on assembling such a large amount of useful horticultural information. The first 170 pages are devoted to alphabetical entries of individual fruits. The material includes a description of the plant

and fruit, types and varieties, soil and climatic requirements, planting data, soil management and fertilization, pruning, insects and diseases, and propagation. Each common or botanical name by which a fruit, berry or nut is known is listed in its alphabetical place with a cross-reference to the name under which the descriptive material is included. The well-known fruits are included as well as a large number of rare and unusual types.

The last 100 pages are given over to a gardener's guide. This part of the book gives general instructions and suggestions which apply to home fruit plantings.

This is a compact little volume which contains a large amount of information. As might be expected in a book which attempts to cover such a broad subject, there are a number of errors in botanical interpretation, variety recommendation and cultural suggestions. This book is nevertheless a fine ready-reference for the home gardener who wants abbreviated information on a wide variety of horticultural crops.—W.P.J.



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