

TABLE 1. Comparison (1961) of yield and size of Vesper and Jerseybelle strawberry varieties in five states.

Location ¹	Yield (qts/Acre)		Size (grams/25 berries)	
	Vesper	Jerseybelle	Vesper	Jerseybelle
Wooster, Ohio	12,560	7,260	324	245
Amherst, Mass.	13,446	6,127	436	396
Beltsville, Md.	15,528	14,773	346	310
University Park, Pa.	14,994	17,648	268	245
New Brunswick, N. J.	16,735	14,338	713 ²	672 ²
Average	14,653	12,029	417	374

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²Only the average size of first picking at New Brunswick is available. Sizes from other regions are averages of all pickings during the season.

has been outstanding in yield and size of fruit in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and Massachusetts (Table 1). This variety appears to be adapted to much the same geographic region as Jerseybelle. In New Jersey, it has performed best in central and northern counties. It has not performed well in North Carolina, being very subject to leaf diseases, and is not recommended for areas south of Washington, D. C.

Stocks of Vesper plants have been maintained virus-free since it was first selected. Sources of virus-free plants may be obtained by writing to Dr. C. R. Smith, Department of Horticulture, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Report of International Committee on Variety Nomenclature and Registration

J. M. S. Potter, Chairman of the Working Group on Nomenclature and Registration of Varieties of Fruit, of the International Society of Horticultural Science, recently reported for his Committee in *Chronica Horticultural*. It has been decided that each participating nation shall be urged to appoint its own National Registration Authority for Deciduous Fruits, and that an International Registration Authority shall be appointed to combine the national registers. Each National Registration Authority will be responsible for compiling registers of existing cultivars (varieties) of fruits being grown in their own country, using their own language.

It is hoped that, as a beginning, each country would develop a register of one fruit, and that these first registers will be ready for the 17th International Horticultural Congress, which will be held at the University of Maryland in 1966.

For further details about the system or registration and information to be included in the registers, see *Chronica Horticulturae*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (April 1963), page 5.

Apple Variety Trends in North Carolina

The apple industry in North Carolina is confined mainly to mountainous areas. The 1962 crop amounted to some four million bushels in this state, according to M. H. Kolbe, Extension Horticulturist, of North Carolina State College, at Raleigh. The chief varieties are Rome Beauty, Delicious, Stayman, and Golden Delicious. The varieties most popular in new plantings are Golden Delicious and the red sports of Delicious.