

Reviews and Abstracts

The Strawberry Variety in Ontario. 1963. By C. L. Ricketson, Hort, Exp. Station, Vineland, Ontario. Publ. 513, Ontario Dept. Agr. 47 pages.

The authors effectively present practical information on strawberry culture, as it should be practiced in Ontario. Both professional horticulturists and growers will appreciate the fact that Mr. Ricketson includes the reasons behind the practices, in addition to describing them.

The readers of *F. V. H. D.* will be especially interested in the variety recommendations and descriptions. The only variety suggested for general planting in Ontario is Redcoat, which is rapidly replacing Premier in this area for fresh market. Introduced by the Central Station at Ottawa in 1957, Redcoat has been the most productive variety in Vineland tests. Fruit size has been good, color, attractive, and storage quality good. However, it is susceptible to verticillium wilt, and its processing quality is no better than that of Premier.
—G. M. Kessler

Survey of Apple Clones in the United States. 1963. By H. H. Fisher. U. S. D. A. Publ. ARS 34-37-1. 324 pages.

This is the first in a series of surveys being made by the U.S.D.A. to determine what and where clonal germ plasm of fruits is being maintained in the United States. This is part of an effort to perpetuate species and cultivars for fruit breeding purposes.

This apple survey, and future surveys of other fruits are not meant to be procurement lists.

Information reported here includes the cultivar name, Plant Introduction number (when available), source of trees, brief descriptive observations, and parentage. It should be of great value to apple breeders.

—G. M. Kessler

The Strawberry. 1963. Compiled by C. R. Smith and N. F. Childers. Proc. of Nat. Strawberry Conf., 1963. Dept. Hort., Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N. J. 184 pages. \$2.50 (\$2.75 outside U. S. possessions)

On Jan. 24 and 25, 1963, the first National Strawberry Conference was held at Rutgers University. "The Strawberry" is a compilation of the papers presented at that conference by strawberry experts from every important strawberry growing region in the United States and Canada. Among the areas considered are strawberry pest control, varieties, planting problems, irrigation, nutrition, weed control, economic problems and marketing.

In the section on varieties, breeding programs and variety trends are discussed by various horticulturists for their respective regions. Dr. Scott, of the U.S.D.A., describes the over-all strawberry variety picture.

These Proceedings belong in the library of everyone especially interested in strawberries.—G. M. Kessler