

A Desirable Mango from Central Honduras

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The Federal Experiment Station of the United States Department of Agriculture at Kingshill, St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands, has successfully established an outstanding mango variety from central Honduras named Tolbert.

The budwood was obtained from the orchards of the Escuela Agricola Panamericanas, El Zamorano, but the origin of the tree is not known. The fruits are quite round, average about 850 grams, with an average seed weight of about 75 grams. The fruits are about 3.7 inches in width and 3.5 inches in length. The skin has a dark maroon blush and a greenish-gold ground color. The flesh is dark gold, fiber-free, of rich melting quality, with sufficient acidity to prevent its being cloying. The skin is thick enough to protect the fruit in transit, and it can be processed by freezing with little trouble. The writer froze some of this

fruit, and found it to be of excellent quality after 14 months.

The crop of Tolbert is early, and apparently is borne every year. The trees come into bearing at about five years and bear well. Growth is vigorous and no breaking of branches has been observed.

American Pomological Society Meeting for 1963 in Tennessee

The next annual meeting of the American Pomological Society will take place Dec. 10, 11, and 12 in Jackson, Tennessee. It will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Hort. Society, and promises to be very interesting and productive. The first day will consist of discussions and demonstrations in an orchard near Jackson.

Forelle Pear

The Forelle pear, an old variety of German origin, is now being grown in California for the gift pack trade, according to editors of *The Blue Anchor*. The fruit is medium-sized, oblong, yellow-skinned, with an attractive pinkish-red blush and conspicuous red dots, of high dessert, handling, and storage quality. Once widely grown in the east, the Forelle at one time almost disappeared from cultivation in this country.



Close-up of fruit of the Tolbert mango, which are borne singly and in two's.

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