

Variety Panel, Yakima Meeting of American Pomological Society, 1962

Observations were made about apple varieties by members of a Fruit Variety Panel, at the annual A.P.S. meeting in Yakima, Washington, Dec., 1962. Reports they made for their respective areas were as follows:

Ed Gould (Kearneysville, W. Va.): Fewer varieties are being planted, but enough to give a satisfactory harvest spread. Red sports of Delicious take the number one spot among varieties already in bearing and those being planted. Of the new kinds, Spartan is the best of the McIntosh types; Beacon is proving successful for special markets.

Frank Klackle (Greenville, Mich.): Delicious sports and Jonathan are being planted most heavily. Golden Delicious is increasing. There is an interest in Idared (subject to fire-blight and mildew) and Mutsu. McIntosh and Northern Spy are not being planted much. Connell Red, a sport of Fireside, has no place in Michigan.

Harry Upshall (Vineland, Ontario): McIntosh leads, with Delicious and Northern Spy next in importance. McIntosh sports appear color unstable. New varieties—Cox Orange is excellent in quality and does well on EMIX rootstock; Idared is promising; Spartan, small.

Quentin Zielinski (Corvallis, Ore.): In order of importance—(1) Delicious, spur types in particular; (2) Golden Delicious; (3) Jonathan, often picked prematurely; (4) Rome Beauty, red sports; (5) Yellow Newtown, mainly for processing in Hood River Valley. Northern Spy and Spitzenberg are

disappearing. On color stability of red sports—Red King Delicious from one source has been unstable; striped types of Delicious generally tend to be unstable. Best early coloring spur-type in Oregon seems to be Starkrimson. Spartan lacks color and size. Idared—promising. Ruby could be a good substitute for Rome Beauty, being earlier and having better tree.

Elon Gilbert (Cowieche, Wash.): Delicious sports and Golden Delicious are top cultivars. Red sports should be studied under varying conditions. Wellington has not performed well in Wash.—too variable.

Don Fisher (Summerland, B. C.): In order of importance—(1) Delicious sports, Harrold Red preferred; (2) McIntosh, mainly Summerland Red; (3) Winesap; (4) Rome Beauty, especially Summerland strain of Collins Rome, which has been color stable; (5) Spartan—exceptionally early and heavy bearer of high quality; Tydeman's Red—colors well in hot weather, and useful for local market. Red Gold is attractive, but does not keep well.

Bill Luce (Yakima, Wash.): On newer cultivars—Spartan color and size is good, but quality not up to McIntosh; and tree is leggy. Idared shows good quality, size and color. Mutsu does well, and although its color is variable at harvest, it develops nice color in storage. Tydeman's Red—good size, color and quality, and may become top summer cultivar. Red Gravenstein—color and quality not good.—*G. M. Kessler*