

Two New Apricot Varieties

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In the June 1961 issue of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* the breeding and variety testing program with apricots at Vineland was described. Two varieties from this program, Viceroy and Veecot, have just been introduced.

Viceroy, tested as Vineland 49056, originated from a cross of Geneva x Naramata. It fruited first in 1955 and has produced good crops each year since that time.

Viceroy ripens 4 to 5 days before New Perfection—usually the last week in July at Vineland. The fruit is medium in size, with a red blush on a yellow background. The dessert quality is good but, the flesh being soft, it is only fair when processed. Although some splitting may occur if there are heavy rains as it nears maturity, it is more resistant than standard varieties in that season, and does

not drop as readily. It is relatively resistant to bacterial leaf spot.

Veecot, tested as Vineland 51091, resulted from (Reliable x open) x open. The seedlings were supplied by the Research Station, Summerland, British Columbia. It fruited first in 1958, and has cropped consistently since that time. Veecot has been outstanding as a processed product.

Veecot has a vigorous spreading tree. The fruit hangs on the tree well until fully mature and is very resistant to splitting. The fruit is medium in size, and bright orange in color. Because the flesh is dry, dessert quality is only fair. Its dark orange flesh gives it an attractive appearance when canned either as halves or for baby food. Both fruit and leaves are relatively resistant to bacterial leaf spot.

Trees of both Viceroy and Veecot were budded by local nurseries in 1964. Buds are available from the Horticultural Experiment Station.



Fig. 1. Veecot, an apricot from Canada, promising for processing.

A New Apple Selection To Be Introduced

At the recent annual A.P.S. meeting at Rochester, Minnesota, I had the opportunity to see and taste a very attractive new apple, which I understand will be introduced by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station in the not-too-distant future. It is a red, well-colored, firm, Delicious type apple with, in my opinion, very excellent dessert quality. This apple was developed at the Branch Experiment Station at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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