

APPLE AND PEACH VARIETY TRENDS IN DELAWARE

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This circular presents in detail the apple and peach variety survey material which was reported on a regional basis in recent issues of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*. The results of several previous surveys are also included.

The following condensed tables include some of the more important data presented in this circular.

Apple Varieties Grown in 1946

(38 growers reporting. Figures include red strains)

Variety	Acreage %
Stayman .....	.. 25.7
Delicious .....	.. 12.2
Rome .....	.. 8.8
Williams .....	.. 8.4
Yellow Transparent .....	.. 6.4
Lodi .....	.. 6.1

Although Yellow Transparent occupied fifth place on the basis of present acreage, 60.7% of the growers would discard this variety. The following table indicates that this is probably due to the increasing importance of Lodi in new plantings.

Apples Growers Would Plant

(27 growers reporting. Figures include red strains)

Variety	Growers %
Stayman .....	..... 88.9
Delicious .....	..... 85.2
Rome .....	..... 44.4
Lodi .....	..... 40.7
Williams .....	..... 40.7
Golden Delicious .....	..... 37.0
Grimes .....	..... 33.3

Another result is a bit more difficult to explain. Williams occupies fourth place in present acreage, would be discarded by 21.4% of the growers, and yet, as will be seen in the following table, occupies fifth place in the new planting list and would be planted by 40.7% of the growers.

Apples Growers Would Discard

(28 growers reporting)

Variety	Growers %
Yellow Transparent .....	..... 60.7
Duchess .....	..... 32.1
Jonathan .....	..... 28.5
McIntosh 25.0
Crimson Beauty 21.4
Early Harvest 21.4
King David 21.4
Williams 21.4

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In general the growers indicated a preference for red strains in place of the standard variety.

Peaches

Elberta is still the most popular variety in Delaware. It is grown by 80.6% of the orchardist who reported and comprises 53.6% of the total peach acreage. From all appearances Elberta is maintaining its relative position with slight ups and downs in acreage.

Peaches Grown in Delaware, 1946

(36 growers reporting)

Variety	Acreage %
Elberta	53.6
Halehaven	12.4
Golden Jubilee	9.9
Goldeneast	3.8
J. H. Hale	3.0
Belle of Georgia	2.3

Peaches Growers Would Plant

(24 growers reporting)

Variety	New Plantings %
Elberta	54.3
Golden Jubilee	11.4
Goldeneast	7.8
Halehaven	3.8
Belle of Georgia	3.0
Late Elberta	2.6
Shippers Late Red ..	2.5
Erly-Red-Fre	2.4

Nearly all growers acknowledge that Halehaven is good and that they would like to grow it but this peach is being discarded because of its susceptibility to brown rot and its erratic rate of ripening.

—W.P.J.

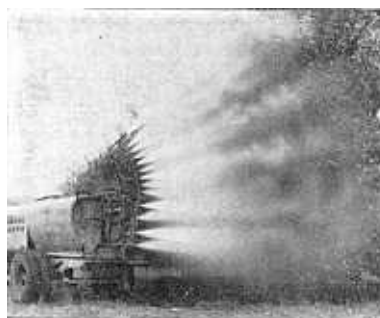
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