

to the authors' first-hand knowledge of the fruits which they are discussing.

The fruits photographed and described in this book may be found in Florida and California, and to a less extent, in the other southern and Gulf States. This fact increases the value and usefulness of the book.

Fruit growers in general will be interested in the material presented by these authors. The book is of special value to folks who travel or live in the southern states or the Bahamian Islands.—W.P.J.

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### STANDARDS FOR CLASSIFYING PEACH CHARACTERS

#### Their Use in Identifying New Jersey Varieties

By M. A. Blake and L. J. Edgerton,  
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The material presented by these New Jersey authors should be of vital interest to all peach growers. Considerable laxness exists in the naming and describing of many varieties of fruits. The information contained in this bulletin could be of real value if it were used as a stepping stone in clarifying the terminology and identification of peach varieties.

The facts in this bulletin are divided into seven major parts as follows: (1) fruit bud set or pattern, (2) dormant fruit bud hardness, (3) leaf description and classification, (4) flower form of the peach, (5) the calyx, (6) fruit description and classification, (7) stone characters. Numerous well-selected pictures illustrate the various characteristics which are discussed.

The following summary appears at the end of the bulletin. "There is a rapidly increasing need for measurable standards and illustrated forms of the external characters of peach varieties so that the varieties may be more easily and accurately described and identified."

"In this publication, an attempt has been made to establish such standards and demonstrate their application in the description of the 31 varieties of peaches and 1 nectarine already named and introduced by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. A total of 28 standards are presented."—W.P.J.