

Letters From Here and There

JULY ELBERTA AND RIO OSO GEM PEACHES IN CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Bregger:

I have been shipping some July Elbertas into the Portland and Seattle markets for the last five years and I think it is an outstanding variety, but I am in hopes that we will find something that will size a little better and that has a tree with a little more spread.

The Rio Oso Gem is turning out to be a better peach than I thought it would. I criticize it because the tree is somewhat small like a Hale. It has proven a fairly good bearer and the variety has shown greater resistance to brown rot than the Hale and has shown to be a good freezer. I believe it will grow to be a more popular peach than the J. H. Hale.

Grant Merrill,
Red Bluff, Calif.

MILTON APPLE BUDS TENDER

Dear Mr. Judkins:

Here is just a comment on Milton apples. We have fruited them for ten years and in those years we have had a total or partial loss of crop through bud freezing in the spring, four times. This year is seeing the same thing. McIntosh planted in adjoining rows showed no damage. This is a serious fault in a very fine variety.

Walter R. Clarke
Hudson Valley Fruit Grower
Milton, N. Y.

POLLINATION OF DELICIOUS APPLES

Dear Bregger:

Our records indicate that Delicious is setting satisfactorily if it has about three to four times the opportunity for pollination that is needed for other varieties.

We have seen about seventy blocks of Delicious to date. We hope to increase this to around 150 by observations principally in New England and Canada. If any different situation develops, I will advise you.

R. H. Roberts,
Prof. of Horticulture
Univ. of Wisconsin

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SENATOR DUNLAP STRAWBERRY

Dear Sir:

In the past six years I have been experimenting with a few varieties and find that the Senator Dunlap is the best producer and grows the best berries in this immediate section. We do some irrigating. The Senator Dunlap is a productive variety although the fruit is not good for shipping.

C. R. Riley,
Riley's Nursery & Farm Market
Concordia, Kansas

