

HALEHAVEN PEACH IN ARKANSAS

Dear Mr. Bregger:

You say Halehaven is losing out gradually in the South while Burbank July Elberta is gaining. I have 500 Halehaven in bearing. It is a fine peach with extra sweet flavor but it does not hold up like Burbank July Elberta. The Burbank is one of the best shippers I know, and I hardly think it can be beat when it comes to quality, color, and hardiness. It constitutes our greatest acreage. It has to be thinned heavily and the tree seems to be somewhat more susceptible to bacterial spot than some others.

I appreciate what you say as to getting us some Redhaven. All reports I have as to its quality and performance say it is the best early peach. I have set a few but they are not in bearing yet. Have 300 coming this fall.

What do you know of the Rio-Oso Gem? It ripens two weeks after regular Elbertas. I have 700. It certainly has color and firmness.

H. Frank Smith,
Hill-Crest Orchards
Dover, Arkansas

PEACH VARIETIES IN OHIO

Dear Sir:

As for the South Haven, I planted a block of 200 trees in 1930. During the winter freeze we had in '35 and '36, I lost more of this variety than any others, although the bud seems to be fairly hardy. They have been irregular in bearing, and I invariably have more trouble with brown rot on South Haven than any other variety in the orchard.

I am trying to get away from Elberta and so appreciate your suggestions for substitute planting. The Early Elbertas I have, come immediately after the South Haven and of course before Elbertas. They have nice color but drop easily when ripe. Quality is only medium. I am looking for something to plant in their place.

I pulled all my Lemon Free. They have been the least profitable of any I planted.

There are some customers who insist on Elbertas and I plan to have some on hand to satisfy them.

Lester Hostetler, fruit grower
Sugar Creek, Ohio

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