

TESTS PERTAINING TO APPLES AND PEARS

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"Various varieties of apples and pears at 33° to 72° F. were served to adults who were requested to score their decisions concerning desirability and juiciness. A large majority of the judges preferred the fruits at the lower temperature. Cold apples and pears were considered to be juicier than those at room temperature. Tests were carried out at different times of the day to determine which time of the day was the most appropriate for judging these fruits. One set of tests was carried out for every hour of the day from 8 to 5 o'clock. These showed that one time of day was as desirable as any other time of the day. Very little inconsistency was found among judges which included more than 200 persons. The majority of the tasters preferred score sheets on which their judgments were recorded numerically. Fruit of inferior quality at refrigerator temperature was considered as desirable as those of superior quality at room temperature".

The above information emphasizes the need for a careful consideration of temperature when evaluating fruit varieties. Also, the merchandising of a refrigerated product might be a practical way of increasing the sales of fruit to customers who are purchasing for immediate consumption.—W.P.J.

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