

TABLE 1. Relative hardiness of fruit spurs, evaluated following the winter of 1964-65 at Summerland, B. C., Canada.

Very hardy		Hardy	Moder. hardy	Moder. tender	Tender
Bancroft	Minjon	Cortland	Grimes Golden	Gallia Beauty	Delicious
Beautiful Arcade	0-271*	Democrat	Jonathan	Hume	Golden Delicious Gravenstein
Canada Baldwin	0-292*	Jonadel	Linda	Melrose	
Carroll Crimson Beauty	Patricia Puritan	Scotia Secor	Niagara Spartan	Monroe Orei	Idared Newfane
Davey	Quinte	10C-34-3**	Stayman	Rome Beauty	Newtown
Early McIntosh Fireside	Starks Earliest Summerred		S-4-8** Tydemans Early	Winesap Winter Banana	Quebec Belle Winston 10C-1-21** 10C-6-25** 10C-24-26**
Julyred Lobo	Wealthy Yellow Transparent		10C-31-16**	Yarlington 9E-13-47**	
Macoun McIntosh Melba	York 10C-19-24**				

*Selections from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

**Selections from Research Station, Summerland.

Theodore S. Weir Retires

Theodore S. Weir, Associate Professor of Horticultural Science, and Assistant Superintendent of the Fruit Breeding Farm at Excelsior, retired July 1, 1967, after 38 years with the University.

Professor Weir is originally from Canada. After receiving his B. S. degree from the Manitoba Agricultural College, he worked for a short time as horticulturist at the Dominion Experiment Station, Swift Current, Saskatchewan. He then came to the University of Minnesota to get his M. S. degree. In 1936, he joined the staff at Minnesota, and taught horticulture at the University's North Central School and Experiment Station in Grand Rapids. And in 1946 he was appointed

Assistant Superintendent of the Fruit Breeding Farm, and Associate Professor of Horticultural Science. At the Breeding Farm he participated for many years in the development of new fruit varieties adapted to Minnesota conditions. Among the more recent introductions he helped to develop are the Regent apple, Deep Purple cherry-plum, and Ithasca raspberry.

Professor Weir wrote two very popular Minnesota Extension bulletins, one entitled "Grafting Fruit Trees," and the other, of which he is coauthor, "Pruning the Apple Tree." He is also coauthor of several more recent Minnesota publications: "The Regent Apple;" "Two New Fruits for 1966"; and "Prunus Hybrids, Selections and Varieties."