

OBSERVATION ON VARIETIES OF PEARS

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The southeast has been especially handicapped in the production of high quality pears because of the prevalence of fire blight.

The *Baldwin* pear, over a period of 10 years, has had practically no blight in the South Carolina Experiment Station orchard. The skin of the fruit is yellow and the flesh is of good eating quality. The fruits contain fewer grit cells than those of other fire blight resistant varieties grown in South Carolina at present. The trees are vigorous and sturdy in growth and very productive. The *Baldwin* pear blooms early and therefore must be planted on a frost-free site. It does not equal *Bartlett* in flavor but is of very good quality in comparison with other Southern pears, and makes a good canned product.

The *Baldwin* pear is recommended for growing in home orchards or commercially in South Carolina. It will have better flavor and quality if the fruits are picked before they are mature and are allowed to ripen in storage. — W.P.J.



Latham raspberries, the standard red variety
the northeastern United States.

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