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Grading Program in W. Virginia Aids Sale of Products

Commissioner Describes Work of Department in Placing Produce on Market

By J. B. McLAUGHLIN, Commissioner of Agriculture, West

Alert West Virginia farmers are giving a new meaning to the old adage. "to make two blades of grass grow where one used to grow." The objective now is to make both blades Grade No. 1, or in the case of another product, to bring it to the highest standard to which it is suited. This is in response to a growing necessity for meeting competition on world markets.

Fruit growers of West Virginia learned through experience that best results are obtained through the marketing of strictly graded fruit, according to United States standards. Today West



J. B. McLAUGHLIN,

Virginia apples are saleable on any market and usually at top prices. The State Department of Agriculture cooperates with federal officials in this grading

Educational work being carried on by the College of Agriculture, the extension division of the college, and vocational agriculture classes, is furnishing a foundation for a bigger and more comprehensive marketing program in every division in the state. There is no yardstick to measure such services in dollars

For example, the college and Department of Agriculture have just completed meeting the requests of sheep producers of West Virginia by placing more than 300 purebred rams in the more important sheep raising counties of the state. This activity will be continued this year. But farmers are not satisfied with better breeding foundation stock alone, and requested the services of the Department of Agriculture, the college cooperating in the grading of lambs. This program was so successful this year that no doubt it will remain a permanent part of the state marketing program.

Those in whose hands rests the responsibility for shaping the programs of the agricultural services of the state are required to consider the farm picture as a whole, from the earliest to the closing phases. It is the prime purpose of the Department of Agriculture, in marketing, to help the producer find the best possible market.

Va. Apples Noted For Export Trade

Chains Partial to Staymans-Becomes Year Round Shipper

More than 25,000,000 bushels of apples were produced in the Virginias, Maryland and Delaware this season, or approximately one-sixth of the entire United States crop. The crop was one of the largest and best in quality in many

During recent years the Shenandoah-Potomac-Cumberland region has become increasingly important as an apple producing center for fall and winter apples. The Eastern Shore region is likewise of great importance for summer

Apples from the Virginias, Maryland and Delaware go to all markets east of the Mississippi River but they are equally noted in the export markets. In fact, this section supplies the major portion of the Eastern apples that go to export markets. The United Kingdom in particular is very partial to apples from the Virginias.

Apples Grew Large This season the apple crop all through this district grew to large size which swelled the tonnage and for Virginia alone it was one of the largest crops on record. While the apple crop for the country as a whole has been large this year, there has been a steady market for the Shenandoah-Potomac fruit all through the Northeast.

The chain stores are partial to the Stayman and large quantities have been purchased by New York and New Jersey chain stores, some of which feature the Stayman during the fall months i preference to anything else. York Imperials are also well liked by the retail grocer trade and they purchase many carloads of them.

Virginia's Preferred The plainer quantities of fruit sold in bulk, including such varieties as Ben Davis, Ganos and York Imperials, have found a ready market this season to the peddler trade. In the larger cities the peddlers purchase cheaper grades of apples which can be sold at bargain prices and load up their trucks or wagons and go out and peddle them direct to the consumers. Virginia apples are preferred for this trade because of their high color

and good texture. Export markets prefer slightly smaller apples than the domestic markets, particularly European markets where most of the Virginia fruit goes. This season the percentage of small sizes has been so much less than usual that exporters have had difficulty in getting enough of this fruit to go around. Small York Imperials have moved out rapidly and likewise Ben Davis.

For the late market the Virginia Albemarle Pippin and Winesap are in particularly from export sources, and with a big export demand

European Crop Light European countries all had light crops of apples this season and exports have been the heaviest in several years. From present indications the export of the season. The British Continental markets will probably absorb all of certain sizes and varieties

that are available. One feature of the Virginia-Maryland-Delaware apple belt that is worthy of note is the fact that the section never stops shipping apples. By the time the last of the Albemarle Pippins are marketed, the Yellow Transarents on Eastern Shore are ready. This section comes closer than any other to being year round apple shipper.

Delaware Broilers In Good Demand

Delaware is noted for its early broilers and has a great opportunity this season because of the small quantities of broilers in cold storage. The supply of Western broilers was much smaller than usual this season and relatively few were left over for cold storage.

As a rule Delaware is the first important source of spring broilers and ships large quantities to Northeastern markets, both live and dressed. cause of the smaller competition this season from cold storage stock, they should find a ready demand this com-

Vines Make Decoration

Use of grape vines on home lawns is suggested by Walter R. Ballard, horticulturist of the Maryland Extension Service. He believes that they offer many advantages, from standpoints of both appearance and utility.

Grape vines lend themselves well to culture on a small scale, require little care and spray and by proper training and pruning they can be kept within bounds. In addition, they are adapted to almost any type of landscape plan, the foliage is attractive, the vines are long-lived and useful as screens, boundary plantings, or covers for arbors. At the same time, a liberal supply of delicious and nutritious fruit is produced.

This specialist emphasizes the importance of annual pruning. Although new fruit is produced on canes of the previous season, the usual practice is to leave too many of these canes. If a generous supply of fruiting wood is allowed to remain, then the smaller flower clusters should be removed, thus permitting development of the larger clusters.

In addition to the older varieties of grapes, such as Niagara, Concord and Delaware, Mr. Ballard suggests trying the following varieties: Ontario, Sheridan, Fredonia, and Golden Muscat.

Tomatoes Rich in Minerals

Tomatoes hold a unique place among foods and are noted for their medicinal properties, according to Miss Margaret McPheeters, nutrition specialist of the University of Maryland. They are rich in minerals and vitamins, essential to vigorous growth of the body as a whole, and are especially good for development of the teeth and bones. Cooked or canned, they have just as much nutritional value, she says, as when picked fresh from the vines.

Tomatoes may be served in many ways and will be found delicious as soups, baked or stewed, in salads, marmalades, preserves, chili sauce, pickles, catsup, and as a drink.

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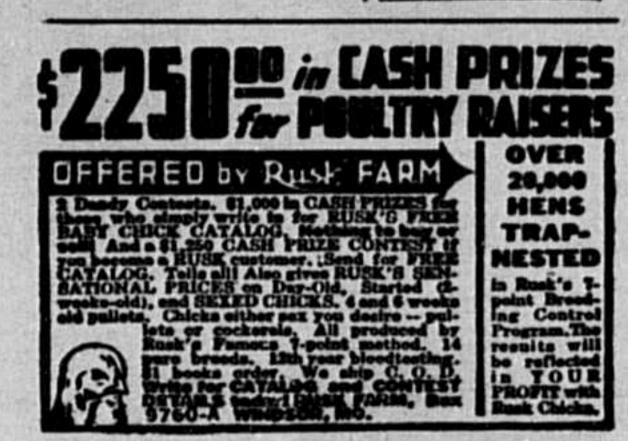
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