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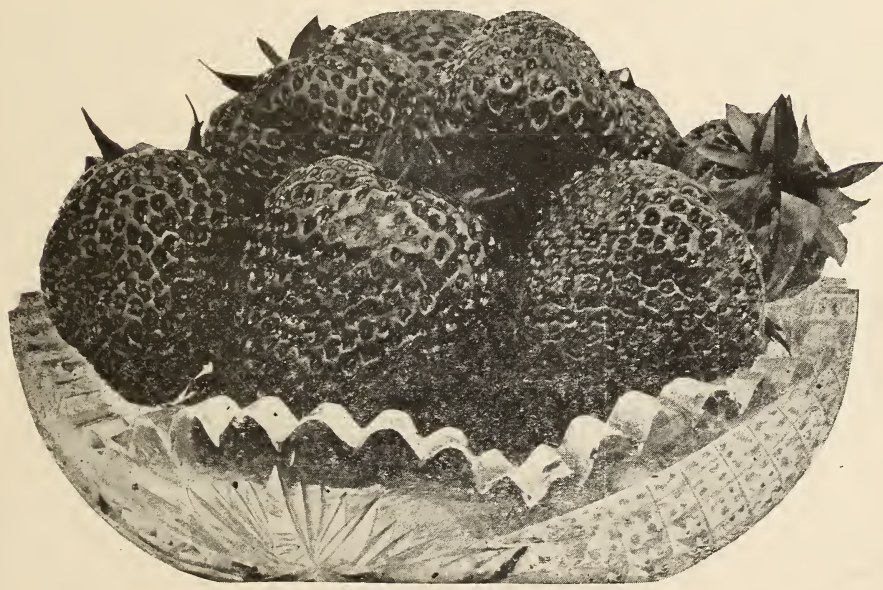
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STRAWBERRY Plant Buyers' Guide

...AND...

Descriptive Catalog

Of Millions of Perdue's Best Quality Strawberry Plants



GROWN AT

PERDUE'S

Strawberry Plant Farm

C. S. PERDUE, Proprietor

SHOWELL - MARYLAND

1915

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To my friends and patrons:—

I take pleasure in presenting herewith, my annual catalog of Strawberry plants. I have Millions of the Best Quality Strawberry plants to offer on account of having an ideal soil for growing Strawberry plants, and the season has been a most excellent one for producing strong, healthy and vigorous plants therefore, I am pleased to have your order for I can fill it promptly and satisfactorily. My plants are strictly true-to-name, well cleaned up and tied in bundles of 25 plants each and packed in plenty of damp moss. I guarantee satisfaction and safe delivery anywhere. Strawberry plants are my specialty. I do not grow any other nursery stock, which enables me to give my own personal attention to the digging and packing of my plants for shipment. My prices are as low as good stock can be sold. Millions of Perdue's Best Quality Strawberry plants have been shipped to my customers in all parts of the country and have always given perfect satisfaction. I have all of the best varieties.

In conclusion I wish to thank each and every one of my customers for their generous patronage in the past and hope for a continuance of the same.

My Plant Farm is located near Showell, Maryland, on the P. B. & W. Railroad, which gives me excellent facilities for all shipping points in this country. Hoping to be favored with your order, I am

Yours very respectfully,

C. S. PERDUE.

Read What My Bank Has to Say About Me.

October 8, 1914.

Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Maryland.

Dear Sir:—

Replying to your inquiry of even date, I beg to say that we will esteem it a very great pleasure to answer any inquiries that may be directed to us regarding your honesty, integrity and square-dealing. You have been a very satisfactory patron of ours since you have been in our vicinity.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Very truly yours,

W. L. HOLLOWAY, Cashier.

Berlin, Maryland.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PATRONS

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Special Low Express Rates—I am able to send plants by express to any part of the country at 20 per cent. less than merchandise rate over each company. I have the Adams Express Company.

Write Your Name and Address Plainly—Be particular to say how goods are to be shipped, whether by express or freight. No charge made for package and delivery to R. R. Company.

My Guarantee—I warrant my plants to reach my customers in the very best condition if shipped by mail or express and attended to promptly on arrival. All plants at purchaser's risk when shipped by freight. Can ship safely by freight until April 10th.

Time of Shipment—I can ship to Southern customers during mild weather at any time after you receive this catalog, and I can usually ship to Northern customers until the first of May.

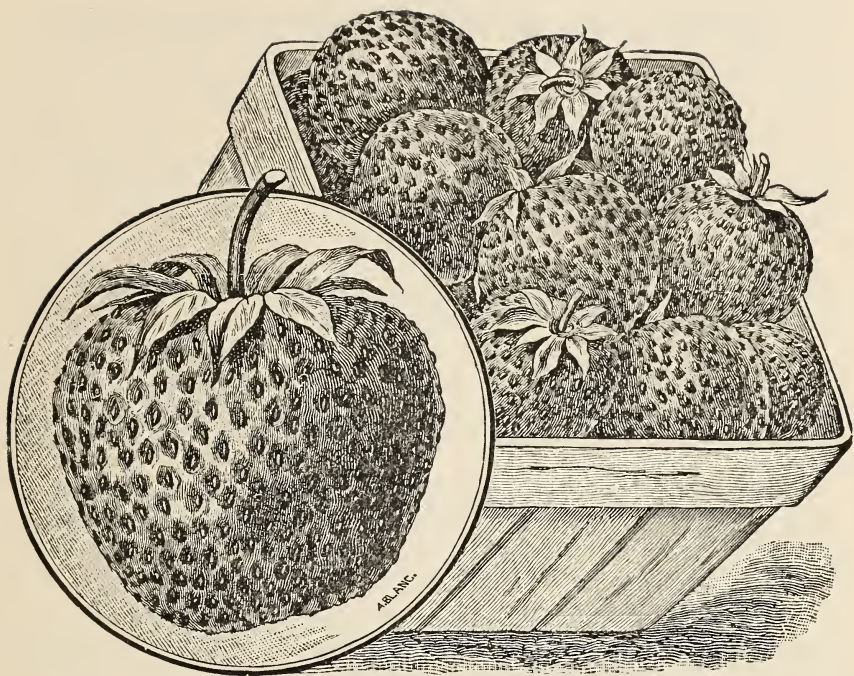
True-to-Name—While I exercise the greatest care to have every plant true to name, I will not be held responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock should any prove otherwise than as represented.

Order Early—Do not wait until you want the plants. All orders acknowledged as soon as received.

Remit—By Post Office Money Order on Berlin, Md., or Bank Draft, Check, Registered Letter, or Stamps for amounts less than one dollar. One and two cent stamps preferred.

Terms—Cash with order, or I will ship cash on delivery when one-fourth amount is sent with order.

Note—If plants are wanted by Parcels Post write me what variety or varieties and how many you want and I will give you the Parcels Post rate on your order.



Description of Varieties

Excelsior (Extra Early)—Is one of the very best kinds, succeeds in almost every section of the country. A good plant maker. Berries medium in size and quite firm and bears large crops early.

Clyde (Early)—This variety, if given good cultivation and is planted in good soil, is one of the largest yielders to be found anywhere. Berries good and fine.

Senator Doolap (Early)—I have fruited this fine variety for a number of years and it has never failed to give satisfaction. Is a good, all around, up-to-date variety. Include this in your order.

Tennessee Prolific (Early)—This variety is too well known to need any description. Is very desirable to plant with pistillate varieties in a general way. Order them.

Climax (Early)—Is a rank grower of plants that bear a full crop of medium size berries. A good market variety.

Haverland (Medium early)—This is one of the old ones and is well recommended by most growers as a most desirable one to plant. The berries are fine and large size, succeeds well on almost any kind of soil.

Sample (Medium early)—They have made a fine growth here and I think you would do well to plant some of them. The berries are fine. Try some of them.

Superior (Medium early)—Is one of the varieties that is grown very extensively for market being a very rank grower of plants that bears a fine crop of fruit every year. A good one for profit.

Glen Mary (Medium early)—One of the best known sorts in cultivation on account of its many good qualities. The berries are noted for their extra large size that sell for a good price in the market. Quality of fruit fine. Good grower. Plant it.

Brandywine (Late)—I have fruited this fine variety for a number of years and where a fine late variety is desired it cannot be beat. Berries are dark red in color and look fine in the basket when picked. Succeeds well everywhere.

Parsons' Beauty (Medium early)—Is a good general purpose berry and a rank grower of plants that bear an exceptionally large crop of large dark red berries of fine quality, I clip the following from our local paper: "Mr. C. S. Perdue left two quarts of very large Strawberries at our office last Saturday. They were Parsons' Beauties, were beautifully colored and of very large size. We thank Mr. Perdue for his thoughtfulness.

New York (Medium early)—Is a good healthy grower, the plants being exceptionally fine and bear a fine crop of berries that bring the highest market price on account of its large size. Has been very popular since its introduction.

Klondyke (Early) This is considered by many Strawberry growers to be a variety of considerable merit, being very popular among the growers here. Good grower and bears a large crop of fine berries. I clip the following from our local paper; "Mr. Chas. Richardson of near Friendship, Md. boasts of a record crop of Strawberries. From one-fourth of an acre he picked 45 crates of berries of the Klondyke variety." Who can beat it?

Wolverton (Medium) early It seems to be universally successful, a splendid grower of strong, healthy plants. Fruit large, resembling Bubach. It is an excellent shipper on account of being firm.

Fairfield (Extra early) One should plant this for early crops. Plants are strong and healthy. Quality of berries fine. Suitable for either home garden or market.

Bubach (Late) A nice variety to plant for fancy trade, the berries being large and good color and fine flavor. If you want something nice plant Bubach.

Uncle Jim (Medium late) One of the finest and best of all the large berries. Plants are large, healthy and very productive of large size berries that are quite firm.

Mascot (Very late) It is an extra good variety, good grower of plants and gives a good crop of bright red berries of unusually large size. Ripens its fruit a few days later than the Gandy. Plant it for a very late variety and you will like it.

Gandy (Late) One of the standards: none better in its season of ripening, it being a good plant maker and prolific bearer of fine, large berries of dark red color and fine flavor. If you want fine fruit plant Gandy.

Warfield P (Early) This is one of the old standards and popular with some growers. I have a fine lot of plants. Order them.

Chesapeake (Late) It is from medium to late in ripening bears large to very large berries, which are firm and very fine looking; in fact it is one of the real fancy varieties. We do not think it more than moderately productive, but it bears quite enough for the berries to be fancy. It is very popular all through this section.

Nick Ohmer (Medium early) Bears quite enough fruit, which is the most beautiful of any on the list. The berries are smooth and possess an especial rich color, with brilliant gloss on the outside. It grows well and there is none of better flavor.

Early Ozark (Extra early) This is one of the best new varieties introduced in the last ten years; a good grower of fine looking plants that bears a large crop of very fine berries. Plant Early Ozark, it will please you.

St. Louis (Extra early) A new variety of remarkable merits. Bears a full crop of very large berries. Promises to be a good one for commercial planting.

Abington (Medium early) This new variety is a good grower of plants which bears a large crop of fine berries that sell for fancy prices. Plant Abington.

Aroma (Late) One of the very best late varieties. It is a little earlier than Gandy; a good grower of plants and sure to bear a large crop of very fine berries. For late berries plant Aroma.

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Read What Our Rural Mail Carrier Says.

Showell, Md., October 6, 1914.

As to the way C. S. Perdue does business, I have served him for some years and have yet to hear the first complaint about his honesty and promptness in all business dealings and I know he has a fine lot of Strawberry plants, including the very best varieties and anyone would do well in placing an order with him.

WILLIAM E. THOMAS,

R. F. D. Carrier, Route No. 2.

N. B.—When writing our references be sure to enclose stamp for a reply.

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Certificate of Nursery Inspection No. 33.

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 4th day of September 1914, we examined the Nursery Stock of C. S. Perdue growing in his nurseries at Showell, County of Worcester, State of Maryland, in accordance with the law of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellow, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1915, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Thos. B. Symons, State Entomologist

College Park, Md., Sept. 30, 1914.

J. B. S. Norton, State Pathologist.

Price List

By freight or express, receiver to pay charges

Name of Variety	25	100	250	500	1000	5000	10000
Abington	\$ 20	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$1 25	\$2 50	\$10 00	\$18 00
Aroma	20	40	60	1 10	2 15	9 00	17 50
Bubach (P)	20	40	90	1 40	2 80	12 50	
Brandywine.....	20	40	80	1 25	2 50	10 00	18 00
Clyde	20	40	75	1 40	2 50	10 00	18 00
Climax	20	40	60	1 10	2 15	9 00	17 00
Chesapeake	20	50	1 00	1 90	2 80	12 50	
Early Ozark	20	40	75	1 25	2 25	10 00	18 00
Excelsior	15	30	50	1 00	2 00	8 00	15 00
Fairfield	15	30	50	1 00	2 00	8 00	15 00
Gandy	20	40	70	1 20	2 25	10 00	18 00
Glen Mary	20	40	70	1 15	2 00	9 00	17 00
Haverland (P)	20	40	60	1 15	2 00	9 00	17 50
Klondyke	20	40	60	1 10	2 00	8 00	15 00
Mascot.....	20	40	70	1 15	2 00	8 00	15 00
New York	20	40	80	1 25	2 00	10 00	18 00
Nick Ohmer.....	15	30	75	1 30	2 50	11 00	20 00
Parsons' Beauty	20	35	55	1 10	2 00	9 00	17 00
Sample (P)	20	40	70	1 20	2 25	10 00	18 00
Senator Dunlap	15	35	50	1 00	1 90	8 00	15 00
St. Louis	20	40	60	1 10	2 15	10 00	18 00
Superior	20	40	60	1 10	2 00	9 00	17 00
Tennessee Prolific.....	15	35	60	1 15	2 00	9 00	17 00
Uncle Jim.....	20	40	80	1 25	2 00	10 00	18 00
Warfield (P)	15	35	60	1 15	2 00	9 00	17 00
Wolverton	15	35	60	1 15	2 00	9 00	17 00

Note:—Those marked (P) are Pistillates and must be planted near some perfect flowered sort. **The above prices are net.** Please do not ask for any discount from above prices. The prices given per 1,000 or 5,000 or 10,000, as the case may be, are for that quantity of one variety, and not for an assortment. To illustrate—I offer 5,000 Brandywine plants for \$10.00, whereas, if 5,000 plants of five different varieties are wanted, they must come under the 1,000 rate.

Perdue's Best Quality STRAWBERRY PLANTS Give Satisfaction

Read what my customers have to say about them.

Mr. C. S. Perdue, Braddock Heights, Md.
Showell, Md. May 16, 1914.

Dear Sir:—The Strawberry plants that I ordered from you were very fine and I think nearly every one is growing. Respectfully,
Thomas G. Mumford.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue, Danville, Pa.
Showell, Md. July 23, 1914.

Dear Sir:—Pardon this late acknowledgement of the plants. They arrived in good condition and are doing fine. A Strawberry grower near me says I have the finest patch he ever saw started from shipped plants. They are making plants by the thousand now. Respectfully,
J. A. Merrell.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue, Arlington, Va.
Showell, Md. March 30, 1914.

Dear Sir:—Received the two baskets of plants apparently all right. Yours truly, E. B. Van Every.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue, Covington, Ohio.
Showell, Md. April 14, 1914.

Dear Sir:—I have received the Strawberry plants you shipped me and am well pleased. Yours respectfully, F. M. Perry.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue, Hagerstown, Md.
Showell, Md. April 20, 1914.

Dear Sir:—The Strawberry plants arrived in good shape about ten days ago. I intended writing to you sooner but have been too busy to write the last week or so. They were satisfactory in every way and fully as nice as other plants that I paid much more for. Yours sincerely, Lawson H Wolfinger.

Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Kelly Station, Pa.
April 22, 1914.

Dear Sir:—My plants arrived in good shape and I think they will all grow.
Thanks, Mrs. S. S. Wareham.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Falls Church, Va.
May 11, 1914.

Dear Sir:—I received the Strawberry plants in fine condition. They are the finest Strawberry plants I have ever seen. When I need more I shall buy them from you. Thanking you for your promptness in sending them to me, I remain
Yours, Fred F. Foote.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Loysville, Pa.
April 27, 1914.

Dear Sir:—The plants you shipped me on April 18th arrived on the 20th. I surely appreciate your promptness. The plants arrived in the best condition I ever saw shipped plants and they are surely fine large healthy looking Strawberry plants and the count was also big and if they do well I will come again.
Yours for success, Cloyd E. Wolff.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Winfield, Pa.
May 9, 1914.

Dear Sir:—I am very well pleased with the two baskets of plants. Never saw any nicer plants for which I return thanks. Expecting to send you an order next year, and wishing you much success, I am
Yours truly, Mrs. Thos. A. Adams.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Baldwin, Md.
April 20, 1914.

Dear Sir:—Basket of plants arrived on the 17th in perfect condition; finer roots I have never had the pleasure to see. Thanking you for your promptness, care and generous count, I am
Yours very truly,
C. W. Marshall.

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Mr. C. S. Perdue,
Showell, Md.

Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—Plants arrived early Wednesday morning in excellent condition. They were packed good enough to stand a two weeks trip. Your claims in your catalog are very modest but your plants out did them all and the people here say you treated me white; I think you will get an order from a friend of mine. The ground here was very dry so it worked up nice while setting and since we have had a four day rainy spell with temperature between 50 and 60 so they are starting to make new roots.
Yours truly,

Ira A. Pottenger.

ORDER SHEET

Date of Order..... 191.....

C. S. PERDUE, Showell, Md.

Please ship to (name)

Post Office..... County.....

State..... Express Office.....

Express Co..... Freight Station.....

Ship by..... On or about.....
(Express or Freight)

Quantity	Name of Variety	Price	
		Dollars	Cents

NOTE:—Early in the season I usually have in stock everything listed in this catalog, but late in the season I frequently run out of some of the varieties; therefore, when you order late, please state whether I shall substitute something equally as good and as near like the variety ordered as possible, or return your money for any stock that I may be out of. Answer:

The Tingle Printing Co., Pittsville, Md.