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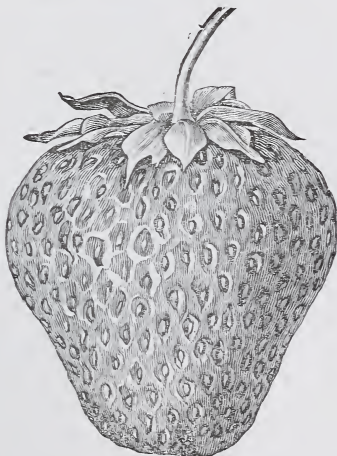
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DESCRIPTIVE STRAWBERRY
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Perdue's Best Quality
STRAWBERRY PLANTS



GROWN AT
PERDUE'S STRAWBERRY
PLANT FARM
C. S. PERDUE, Proprietor
SHOWELL, - MARYLAND

1926 Notice to Customers 1926

I have about 2,000,000 "Best Quality Strawberry Plants," true to name.

My list of varieties includes all the best money-making varieties.

My prices are as low as good stock can be grown for the trade of 1926.

My service is the best as all orders are shipped out promptly to my customers.

My plants are tied in bundles of 25 plants each, labeled and properly packed for shipment immediately after being dug from the field so they will reach you in good condition.

My plants are grown on a soil that makes an excellent root system and healthy, vigorous plants that will stand shipment to all parts of the country and produce fine crops of strawberries.

I solicit your order for strawberry plants.

I thank my friends and customers for their patronage during the season of 1925.

Very respectfully,

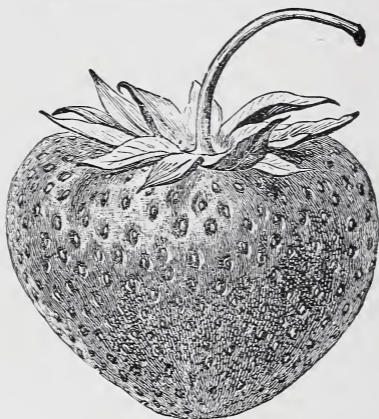
C. S. PERDUE.

Telephone: Berlin, Md., 51-F3.



PREMIER. (Early) You cannot go wrong on choosing Premier for early as it does well in all sections of the country and on almost any kind of soil. They are a vigorous grower of large size plants, no variety has healthier foliage and it makes enough plants for a good fruiting bed. It bears a very large crop of bright red berries, large size, with bright green caps that stay green to the end of the season even in dry weather. For profit plant Premier.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm



CAMPBELL'S EARLY. (Extra Early) A vigorous grower of very large size plants that produces a heavy crop of very large size berries bright red color of excellent quality. A fairly good shipper.

Oswego Co., . Y., May 22, 1925.

Dear Sir:—

On Thursday evening, May 21st I received a telephone call from our postmaster that my plants were at his office, so I hopped into my car and went after them. He is the largest strawberry grower we have in our vicinity and asked me to open up the basket to see them. He said they were the finest he had seen shipped in. He has ordered many thousands of plants from Michigan and Maryland. Another strawberry man lookd at the plants and pronounce them fine.

A. P. Friday.

Showell, Maryland



SEN. DUNLAP. (Early). The plants have long fibrous roots, are rather small, but do well on mostt all types of soil. A favorite variety with some Strawberry growers. The berries are fair size, excellent flavor, dark red color. Very good quality.

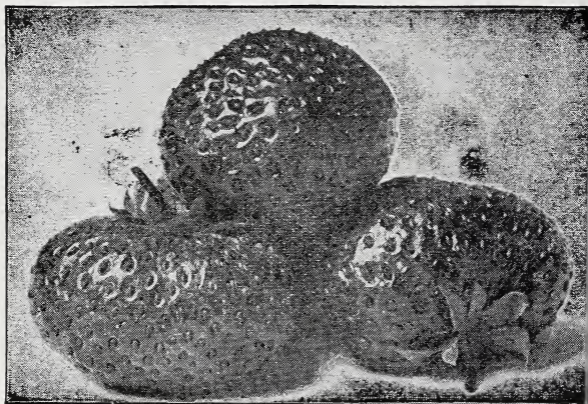
Somerset Co., Md., April 23, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Received the strawberry plants in good shape the day you shipped them. They were nice plants and I thank you for the extra ones.

C. F. Rowell.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm



LUPTON. (Late). Very profitable as a market berry for growers who want large fancy berries that have good shipping qualities. Berries are large size and very attractive.. Plants are vigorous growers and do best on good rich land. It is a real money-maker.

St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., April 28, 1925.

Dear Sir:—

Strawberry plants arrived April 25th in fine condition. Every plant as green as when packed. You certainly know how to pack them. Thank you for such nice plants also for extras.

Frank Fuller.

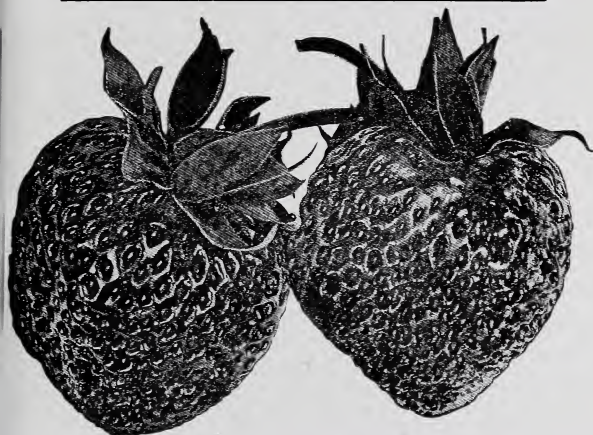
Tenn., March 12, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Received the strawberry plants in good shape and they are fine ones.

W. H. Worley.

Showell, Maryland



BIG JOE (Joe Johnson) (Mid-season to late). A vigorous grower of very large plants that are very productive of large size handsome looking berries with a large bright green cap. A real fancy berry that brings fancy prices. I have a large and fine stock of Big Joe plants.

Harris Co., Texas, Feb. 28, 1925.

Dear Sir:

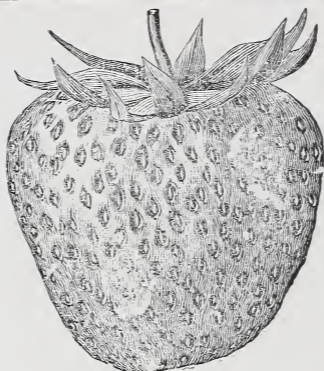
Being agent for the American R. R. Express Co. I notice the good quality strawberry plants you shipped to S. P. Bell. Ship me 4,000 Missionary plants. I will be glad to recommend your plants.

H. T. Rogers

March 11, 1925. Plants arrived in good shape. Rush 13,000 Missionary.

H. T. R.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm



IMPROVED HEFLIN. (Extra Early)
This variety is extensively cultivated in Accomac County, Va., and has made a wonderful record there. A good plant maker of vigorous, healthy looking plants. Very productive of large fine looking berries.

Tenn., March 16, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Plants received in fine shape. They certainly are the finest slips and nicest crated I ever bought. I believe they would have gone two weeks and looked good. I am well pleased. I will help you out all I can.

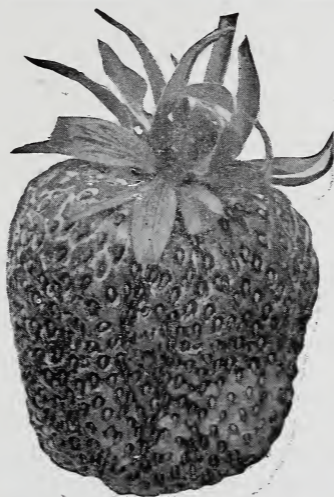
B. C. Cummings.

Rockingham Co., Va., March 23, 1925.

Dear Sir:

The strawberry plants I bought of you two years ago were fine. We sold \$100 worth of strawberries from them. You will find enclosed my order for more plants.

C. F. Layman.

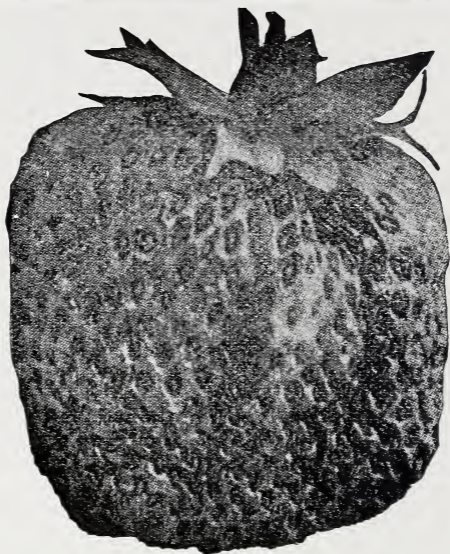


GANDY. (Late to very late). It is a leader among the fancy shipping berries. The latest and best variety for growers who require a large size berry, bright red in color and good flavor with a very large bright green cap. The berries always bring highest market prices. A good plant maker of large size healthy plants. For profit, plant Gandy.

Henderson Co., N. C., April 20, 1925.
Dear Sir:

The strawberry plants arrived in fine condition. They were fine plants, good count and well packed. Surely your plants and service would please anyone.

E. M. Youngblood.



PARSONS' BEAUTY. (Mid-season). A vigorous grower of large healthy, plants that are very productive. Berries large, beautiful dark red in color and of an excellent flavor. Very good for home garden or local market. They part easily from the cap, making them very fine for canning and preserving.

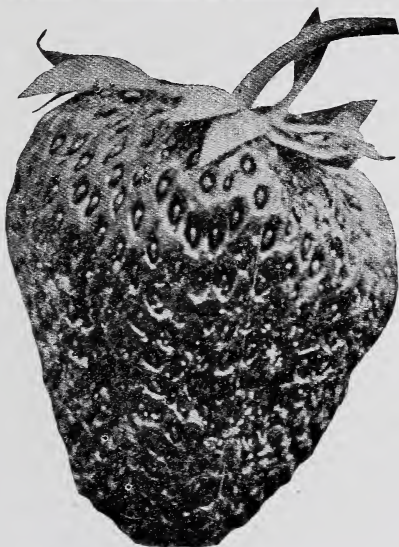
Marion Co., W. Va., April 15, 1925.

Dear Sir:

I received the strawberry plants on April 11th in fine shape. I am pleased with them.

Oscar O. Jones.

Showell, Maryland



SAMPLE. Imp. (Mid-season). It is an imperfect flower and will have to be fertilized with planting 4 rows of Sample and 2 rows of Parsons' Beauty or Senator Dunlap through the patch. Plants are very large and healthy looking. Vigorous growers producing a very large crop of large size bright red berries of excellent flavor. Good for local market, but too soft to stand shipping long distance.

Lebanon Co., Pa., April 13, 1925.

Dear Sir:

My strawberry plants arrived all O. K. They were exceedingly fine.

John F. Light.

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PROGRESSIVE. (Fall bearing). Leads them all because of its remarkable yielding qualities, and is the most profitable of all the Everbearing varieties. Produces a large crop of medium size dark red berries that are simply delicious. A few should be planted in the home garden each spring as they do best the first year. The method of cultivation is the same as other varieties except the blossoms should be picked off the plants until the first of July, when they will continue to bear until freezing weather.

Madison Co., Miss., March 14, 1925.
Dear Sir:

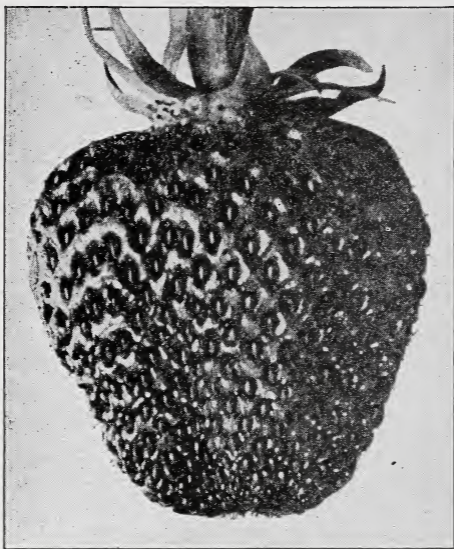
Strawberry plants received in good condition. They were fine. Have set them out. They are blooming. Bennie Gross.

Showell, Maryland



MISSIONARY. (Early). A standard early market berry for shipping long distances. The berries are very firm, medium to large in size, bright red color with green caps, and always bring good prices. This variety will do well on almost any kind of soil, a good plant maker of fair size, healthy plants.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm



AROMA. (Late). It is a fancy market berry in many sections. Vigorous grower of plants that are very productive of large size berries bright red color and of excellent quality. They have bright green caps making the berries very attractive in the market, always selling at highest prices.

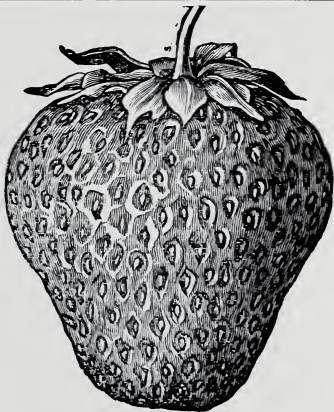
Warren Co., N. J., March 22, 1925.

Dear Sir:

The strawberry plants were very fine, with large white roots. You were liberal in your count, giving more than agreed in your catalog. I thank you for your liberal treatment.

Charles J. Trimmer.

Showell, Maryland



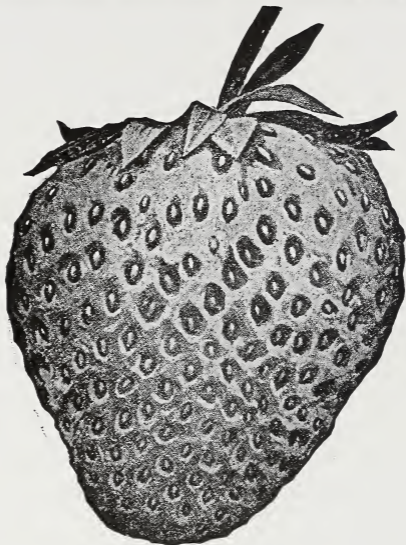
KLONDYKE. (Early). One of the best shipping varieties that is firm enough to stand shipping long distances and go on the market in perfect condition. The berries are a fair size, bright red color. The plants are healthy and vigorous growers.

Chesterfield Co. Va., March 20, 1925.
Dear Sir:

The plants I got from you were planted the same week as ordered. This was the quickest order I ever had filled. The plants are very nice. Fred Harvey.

Baltimore Co., Md., April 5, 1925.
Dear Sir:

Strawberry plants were certainly in fine shape when received. Could not be beat by anyone. They were the best I ever bought. Herman J. Liebno.



NICK OHMER. (Mid-season). For fancy berries plant Nick Ohmer. It bears a good crop of very large handsome looking berries, bright red color, excellent flavor, with a large green cap that sells for fancy prices. It makes enough plants for a good fruiting bed.

Hampden Co., Mass., April 25, 1925.
Dear Sir:

The plants shipped to me April 3rd. received in good condition. Were transplanted without loss and are doing well. They were very satisfactory.

H. E. Howard.

PRICE LIST

By express or parcels post—Receiver to pay transportation charges.

Variety	100	250	500	1000
Aroma	\$.90	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$5.00
Big Joe	.90	1.50	2.75	5.00
Campbell's Early	.90	1.50	2.75	5.00
Gandy	.90	1.50	2.75	5.00
Lupton	.90	1.50	2.75	5.00
Premier	.90	1.50	2.75	5.00
Missionary	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Klondyke	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Improved Heflin	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Sample (P)	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Parsons' Beauty	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Nick Ohmer	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Senator Dunlap	.80	1.25	2.25	4.00
Progressive F. B.	1.25	2.25	4.00	8.00

Note: 25 or 50 plants at the 100 rates. If 5,000 or more plants of one variety are wanted write for special price.

Terms: Cash with order.

Lancaster Co., Pa., April 13, 1925.

Dear Sir:

We were well pleased with "Perdue's Strawberry Plants." We received them and all was right. Mrs. Herbert Ziemer.

Huntington Co., Pa., March 9, 1925.

Dear Sir:

The 2,000 plants I ordered last spring were fine. Lost ten out of the lot, but have a fine set. Send catalog as I want more plants. A. M. Ralston.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm

READ BEFORE ORDERING

Express is the best way to ship plants and generally satisfactory.

Parcels Post is usually better for small lots in first, second and third zones and on small lots in the other zones if you are not convenient to an express office. If requested will ship the best way in my judgment.

No Charge for package and delivery to transportation company.

Write your Name and Address plainly and give correct shipping instructions.

Time of Shipment. November 1st. to May 1st.

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

Terms: Cash with the order.

Remit by postal money order, check, bank draft or registered letter.

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 not prove as represented.

Claims, if any must be made upon receipt of the plants. I cannot become responsible for misfortunes caused by insects, drought, floods, etc. also for stock that is allowed to lay around your postoffice or railroad station or neglect of purchaser to care for stock after it has been received. I send out only good stock in good condition and carefully packed with a Certificate of Inspection from our State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Showell, Maryland

Reference: Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co., Berlin, Md., Postmaster and Wm. E. Thomas, R. R. carrier, Showell, Md. Enclose a stamp for reply when writing my references.

Note. The season of 1925 was exceptionally dry making a shortage in the 1926 plant crop. On some of the varieties listed in this catalog I have my usual large supply; on some other varieties I have only about 50% of a crop. My stock of plants for this season have an excellent root system, large size young plants. I expect to be able to take care of all my orders. The right is reserved to refuse orders when stock is exhausted.

C. S. P.

Montgomery Co., Pa., April 28, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Received strawberry plants April 24th in fine condition. Well pleased with them. The plants we received last spring are doing fine. Look for order next year.

Edw. K. Schreppe.

Berks Co., Pa., May 18, 1925.

Dear Sir:

I received the strawberry plants O. K. They were fine rooted plants and they are growing. Thank you for your promptness and for such fine plants.

Horace M. Heffentrager.

Daviess Co., Ky., March 24, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Have been raising strawberries 25 years and I have never received such nice plants as I got from you this year. They are extra fine and in perfect condition. You will hear from me again.

J. B. Hocker.

C. S. Perdue's Strawberry Plant Farm

Date of Order.....1926

C. S. PERDUE, Showell, Md.

Ship to (name).....

PostofficeR.F.D.

Express OfficeState.....

CountyAmt. enclosed \$.....

Ship byOn or about.....

Quantity	Variety of Plants	Price
	Lupton	
	Premier	
	Aroma	
	Big Joe	
	Missionary	
	Klondyke	
	Nick Ohmer	
	Gandy	
	Parsons' Beauty	
	Sample	
	Progressive Fall-bearing	
	Senator Dunlap	
	Campbell's Early	
	Improved Heflin	

SUBSTITUTION: If sold out of the variety ordered shall I substitute or return money? *Ans.*



Showing the wonderful root system of "Perdue's Best Quality" Strawberry Plants.



A plant trimmed, ready
for setting

Strawberries are a profitable crop, and the largest monetary truck crop grown in this section and from which the farmers derive the largest revenue.

A dearborn load of eight crates sold at one of our auction blocks was struck off at \$8.55 per 32 quart crate or \$68.40 for the load. Maryland ranks second in strawberry production in the United States.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION, NO. 44.

To Whom It May Concern :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 11th day of September, 1925, 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 pests and plant diseases.

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This Certificate is valid until September 1, 1926, 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.

Ernest N. Cory, State Entomologist.

College Park, Md., Oct. 5, 1925.

C. E. Temple, State Pathologist

CULTURAL INSTRUCTIONS

Early spring is the proper time to set out strawberry plants, just as soon as the weather permits getting the ground ready. In the South February, March and early April. In the middle states March and April. In the northern states April. Any soil that will grow good garden or field crops will grow strawberries. They respond quickly to good cultivation and good soil. It is best to avoid sod land on account of white grubs cutting off the young plants. If plants are set out on sod land it should be plowed in the fall and harrowed as often as possible and many of the white grubs will be killed.

The land should be well prepared before plants are set out, and mark the rows about $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet apart and plants set about 12 to 15 inches apart in the rows, with all the roots set straight in the ground, pack soil firmly around the plant. It is better to have the roots clipped a little rather than doubled up in the ground.

Most all strawberries are grown by the matted row system; that is to leave about all the runners on the parent plant to take root and make a wide row, leaving enough room in the alley for the convenience of the pickers. Barnyard manure is the best for strawberries if broadcast on the land and worked into the ground before plants are set out. Commercial fertilizers broadcast and worked in the soil before plants are set will give good results; if applications of fertilizer are made at any time after plants are set do not apply when plants are wet as it will injure them, also it is better to use a broom to brush fertilizer off the plants. Do not use fertilizer in the row under the plants before they are set as it will cause the plants to perish and die. For topdressing the bearing beds in spring a 5-8-5 or 7-6-5 will give good results at the rate of about 400 to 600 pounds per acre.