Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

	`	

United States Department of Agriculture Bureau of Biological Survey

Wildlife Research and Management Leaflet BS-43

Washington, D. C.

April 1936

FRUITS ATTRACTIVE TO BIRDS - NORTHERN PLAINS STATES REGION No. 3

[North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas]

By W. L. McATEE, Principal Biologist and Technical Adviser Office of the Chief

Contents

		Page
Regions for which leaflets on fruits attractive to birds are available.	•	2
Introduction		3
Table 1Groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the United States	•	4
Table 2Native fruits of the Northern Plains States for which satisfactory data on fruiting seasons are available	•	8
Table 3Native fruits of the Northern Plains States for most of which less satisfactory data on fruiting seasons are available		8
Table 4Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for North Dakota	•	9
Table 5Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for South Dakota	•	10
Table 6Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for Nebraska.	•	11
Table 7Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for Kansas		11
Literature		12

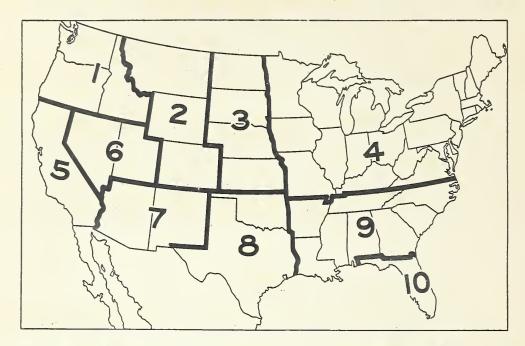


FIGURE 1.--Map of the United States, showing the 10 regions used in presenting information on fruits attractive to birds.

As an aid in requesting leaflets, it should be noted that No. RS-41 is for region 1; RS-42, for region 2, etc., with RS-50 for region 16.

INTRODUCTION

The Northern Plains States are traversed by the dividing line between the more humid eastern and the less humid western portions of the United States. This line variably placed a little east or a little west of the 100th meridian divides the Dakotas and Nebraska about in halves but runs considerably nearer to the western than to the eastern boundary of Kansas. Disparity in conditions for plant growth has suggested as desirable the indication in the lists of fruits of species better suited to the western and eastern districts, respectively. Conditions for trees and shrubs are so trying in the Northern Plains States that planters should largely be guided by the results obtained from plantations of the Agricultural Experiment Stations. These institutions in Region 3 have given special attention to the planting and care of trees and shrubs. See list of literature on page 12.

Table 1 shows groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the United States and lists desirable kinds of birds most fond of the fruit. No barberries, currants, or buckthorns are listed, because they harbor rusts destructive to plants of economic importance. Junipers are in almost the same category, as they serve as alternate hosts for apple rust, but there is no reason why they cannot be used in districts where apples are not commercially grown, as they are among the most valuable plants for wildlife. Omitted also are plants poisonous to man on contact, as poison ivy and poison sumac, as well as various kinds dangerously poisonous to domestic animals, as yews, wild cherries, and nightshades, in spite of the fact that wild cherries are greatly relished by birds. Browsing animals are known to have been killed by feeding on the leaves of wild cherries but do not seem to be so seriously affected by those of plums. Certain plants included among fleshy fruit bearers in previous publications have been transferred to the list of seed producers, hence do not appear in the present series of leaflets. include magnolia (Magnolia), bittersweet (Celastrus), and burningbush (Euonymus).

It should be noted that the fruit-bearing seasons recorded, being collected from varied sources, tend to be maxima. As a rule they are not likely to be realized or even approached in a single locality unless numerous specimens of a given species are present and so distributed in sun and shade as to favor both early and late fruiting.

The word "extralimital" as here used in certain table headings covers plants from other States or regions of the United States as well as wholly introduced, exotic, or foreign plants.

TABLE 1. - Groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the United States

Name of fruit		Species of birds known to eat the fruit	
Common	Generic	Num_2/	Desirable kinds most fond of the fruit
Juniper; redcedar 3/	Juniperus	50	Flicker, mockingbird, robin, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, myrtle warbler, evening and pine grosbeaks, purple finch
Greenbrier	Smilax	43	Mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, hermit thrush, cardinal.
Bayberry	Myrica	85	Bobwhite, flicker, downy woodpecker, eastern phoebe, tree swallow, black- capped chickadee, Carolina wren, cat- bird, brown thrasher, hermit thrush, eastern bluebird, white-eyed vireo, myrtle warbler, meadowlark, towhee.
Hackberry	Celtis	47	Flicker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, mockingbird, brown thrasher, robin, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, cardinal.
Mulberry	Morus	59	Yellow-billed cuckoo, red-bellied, red- headed, and downy woodpeckers, eastern kingbird, mockingbird, catbird, robin, wood thrush, cedar waxwing, red-eyed vireo, yellow warbler, orchard and Baltimore orioles, scarlet tanager, cardinal, purple finch.
Pokeberry	Phytolacca	52	Mourning dove, flicker, eastern kingbird, mockingbird, catbird, robin, hermit, olive-backed, and gray-cheeked thrushes, eastern bluebird, cardinal.
Spicebush	Benzoin		Eastern kingbird, wood thrush, veery, red-eyed vireo.
Sassafras	: Sassafras	18	Bobwhite, eastern kingbird, catbird, robin, veery, red-eyed vireo.
Strawberry	: Fragaria		: Catbird, brown thrasher, robin, wood thrush, towhee.

TABLE 1. - Groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the
United States--Continued

Name of fruit : Species of birds known to eat the fruit			
Memo OI LIGIT		:	cies of birds known so eat the fruit
Common	Generic	: Num- : ber :	Desirable kinds most fond of the fruit
Raspberry, black- berry	Rubus	: 146 : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Ruffed grouse, bobwhite, flicker, red- headed woodpecker, eastern kingbird, tufted titmouse, wren tit, mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, wood and olive-backed thrushes, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, red-eyed vireo, orchard and Baltimore orioles, cardinal, rose- breasted, black-headed, and pine grosbeaks, red-eyed, spurred, and California towhees, white-throated, fox, and song sparrows.
Rose	: Rosa	38	Ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chicken, bobwhite.
Mountain-ash	Sorbus	: 13 :	Red-headed woodpecker, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, Bohemian and cedar waxwings, Baltimore oriole, evening and pine grosbeaks.
Chokeberry	Aronia	21	Brown thrasher, meadowlark.
Hawthorn	Crataegus	39	Ruffed grouse, robin, purple finch, pine grosbeak.
Apple	Malus	43 :	Ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, mockingbird, robin, cedar waxwing, purple finch, pine grosbeak, red crossbill.
Juneberry	Amelanchier.	42	Flicker, catbird, robin, hermit thrush, veery, cedar waxwing, Baltimore oriole.
Sumac ⁴ /	Rhus	97 :	Ruffed grouse, bobwhite, valley quail, northern and red-shafted flickers, red-bellied and downy woodpeckers, phoebe, black-capped and Carolina chickadees, wren tit, Carolina wren, mockingbird, catbird, brown and California thrashers, robin, hermit thrush, eastern bluebird, white-eyed vireo, towhee, Audubon's warbler, goldfinch, golden-crowned sparrow.
Pepperberry	Schinus	12 :	Robin, varied and hermit thrushes, cedar waxwing, phainopepla.

TABLE 1. - Groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the
United States--Continued

Name of fruit Species of birds known to eat the fruit			
Common	Generic	Num- ber	Desirable kinds most fond of the fruit
Holly	Ilex	48	: Ruffed grouse, bobwhite, valley quail, flicker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, hermit thrush, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing.
Supplejack	: Berchemia	15	: Mockingbird, robin.
Grape	Vitis	87	Ruffed grouse, bobwhite, northern and red-shafted flickers, pileated and red-bellied woodpeckers, eastern kingbird, mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, wood thrush, veery, eastern and western bluebirds, cedar waxwing, cardinal.
Virginia creeper .	Ampelopsis	38	: Flicker, red-bellied and red-headed wood- peskers, yellow-bellied sapsucker, tufted titmouse, mockingbird, brown thrasher, robin, hermit, olive-backed, and gray-cheaked thrushes, eastern blue- bird, red-syed vireo, scarlet tanager, evening grosbeak, purple finch.
Buffaloberry:	Shepherdia	18	: Sharp-tailed grouse, pine grosbeak.
Silverberry, Rus-		<u>5</u> /	: Prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, : catbird, robin, cedar waxwing:
Wild-sarsaparilla	Aralia	16	Bobwhite, robin.
Dogwood	Cornus	93	Ruffed grouse, bobwhite, northern and red-shafted flickers, downy woodpecker, eastern kingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, wood, hermit, olive-backed, and gray-cheeked thrushes, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, redeyed and warbling vireos, cardinal, evening and pine grosbeaks, purple finch, white-throated and song sparrows.
Sourgum, tupelo :	Nyssa	39	: Flicker, robin, olive-backed and gray- : cheeked thrushes, cedar waxwing, purple : finch.
Crowberry	Empetrum	40	Pine grosbeak, snow bunting.
Bearberry, manza-	: Arctostaphylos	34	Dusky and ruffed grouse, valley and mountain quail, wren tit, fox sparrow.

-6-

TABLE 1. - Groups of fleshy fruits most attractive to birds throughout the United States -- Continued

Name of fruit			ecies of birds known to eat the fruit
Common	Conomia	Num-	Desirable kinds most fond of the fruit
Wintergreen	Gaultheria	10	Ruffed grouse, wren tit.
Huckleberry	Gaylussacia .	46	Robin, pine grosbeak, towhee.
Blueberry	Vaccinium	93	Ruffed grouse, valley quail, eastern kingbird, black-capped chickadee, tufted titmouse, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, hermit thrush, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, orchard oriole, pine grosbeak, towhee.
Beautyberry	Callicarpa .	11	Mockingbird, brown thrasher.
Partridgeberry	Mitchella	10	Ruffed grouse.
Elderberry	Sambucus	118	Valley quail, flicker, red-headed wood- pecker, eastern and Arkansas kingbirds, black phoebe, wren tit, mockingbird, catbird, brown and California thrashers, robin, olive-backed thrush, eastern and western bluebirds, phainopepla, red- eyed vireo, rose-breasted and black- headed grosbeaks, California towhee, white-crowned sparrow.
Snowberry, coral- berry	Symphoricarpos	33	Sharp-tailed grouse, varied thrush, evening and pine grospeaks.
Blackhaw, cran- berrybush	Viburnum	35	Ruffed grouse, yellow-billed cuckoo, flicker, catbird, brown thrasher, robin, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, rose- breasted grosbeak, purple finch.
Honeysuckle	Lonicera	18	Bobwhite, cathird, brown thrasher, robin, hermit thrush, pine grosbeak, white-throated sparrow.

Parberries (Berberis), buckthorns (Rhammus), and currants (Ribes) are omitted because they serve as alternate hosts of rusts, attacking wheat, oats, and white pine, respectively. Yews (Taxus), wild cherries (Prunus), and nightshades (Solanum) also are omitted as being dangerous stock poisoning plants.

^{2/} When 10 or more.

^{3/} Carries apple rust; should not be planted near valuable orchards.

 $[\]frac{4}{2}$ Only nonpoisonous species of sumac are considered.

^{5/} Data given are based entirely on field observations; total number of birds eating the various species of Elaeagnus unknown.

TABLE 2.--Native fruits of the Northern Plains States for which satisfactory data on fruiting seasons are available

(Numbers indicate suitability of the plants for: 1, North Dakota; 2, South Dakota; 3, Nebraska; and 4, Kansas. Letters denote sections to which the plants are best adapted: E, eastern or more humid section and W, western or more arid section)

Common name	Scientific name	Remarks
Common juniper	Juniperus communis	1,2,3, W. All year.
Redcedar	Juniperus virginiana	1,2,3,4, E. All year.
Carrionflower	Smilax herbacea	1,2,3,4, E. Early July to mid-
		September.
Bristly greenbrier	Smilax hispida	1,2,3,4, E. Early July to mid-March.
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	1,2,3,4. Mid-July to mid-April.
Red mulberry	Morus rubra	1,2,3,4, E. Mid-April to mid-August.
Pokeberry	Phytolacca americana	3,4, E. Mid-July to mid-November.
Strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	1,2,3,4, E. Early May to early July.
Do	Fragariacamericana	1,2,3,4. Late June to early September.
Black raspberry	Rubus occidentalis	1,2,3,4. Late June to mid-September.
Wild rose	Rosa arkansana	1,2,3,4. Mid-July to early December.
Do	Rosa woodsii	1,2,3,4. Mid-June to late August.
Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	1,2,3,4, E. Mid-May to late August.
Downy hawthorn	Crataegus mollis	1,2,3,4, E. Mid-August to mid-Uctober.
Wild plum	Prunus americana	1,2,3,4. Mid-June to late August.
Smooth sumac	Rhus glabra	1,2,3,4. All year.
Skunkbush	Rhus trilobata	1,2,3,4. W. Early May to late August.
Riverbank grape	Vitis vulpina	1,2,3,4. Mid-July to late October.
Virginia creeper	Ampelopsis quinquefolia.	1,2,3,4. Early June to late March.
Thicket "	Ampelopsis vitacea	1,2,3,4.
Silver buffaloberry	Shepherdia argentea	1,2,3,gen.,4, W. Early July to late September.
Red-osier	Cornus stolonifera	1,2,3. Late June to late December.
Bearberry	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi.	1,2,3, W. All year.
Elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	1,2,3,4. Early June to mid-August.
Nannyberry	Viburnum lentago	1,2,gen.,3,4, E. Mid-July to mid-
		April.
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos occiden-	1,2,3,gen.,4. E. Mid-July to late
, and the second	talis	December.
Honey suckle	Lonicera glaucescens	1,2,3, W. Late May to early October.

TABLE 3. -- Native fruits of the Northern Plains States for most of which less satisfactory data on fruiting seasons are available

(For exp	(For explanation of numbers and letters see headnote to Table 2)				
Common name	Scientific name	Remarks			
Colorado juniper Moonseed Red raspberry Salmonberry	Juniperus scopulorum	1,2,3,4, E. June to September. 1,2,3. 2, S.W.			

TABLE 3.--Native fruits of the Northern Plains States for most of which less satisfactory data on fruiting seasons are available--Continued

Common name	Scientific name	Remarks
Wild rose	Rosa acicularis	: 1 2 3 V All year
Do	Rosa setigera	3,4, E. From mid-July very persis-
	5	tent.
Mountain-ash	Sorbus scopulina	2, S.W. Fruit long persistent.
Serviceberry		1,2,3, W. June to August.
Hawthorn	Crataegus chrysocarpa	
Do	Crataegus coccinea	
	Malus ioensis	
Dwarf sumac	Rhus copallina	
Winter grape	Vitis cinerea	3, 4. E.
Southern creeper	Ampelopsis cordata	Do.
Silverberry	Elaeagnus argentea	
Russet buffaloberry	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Wild sarsaparilla.	Aralia nudicaulis	1,2.
American spikenard	Aralia racemosa	1,2,3,4, E.
Bunchberry	Cornus canadensis	1,2, ∀.
Silky dogwood	Cernus amomum	1,2,3,4, E. June to September.
Prairie dogwood	Cornus baileyi	1,2,3. July to August.
Gray dogwood	Cornus paniculata	1,2,3, E.
Roughleaf dogwood.	Cornus asperifolia	
Big whortleberry	Vaccinium membranaceum	2, S.V.
Red whortleberry	Vaccinium scoparium	Do.
	Diospyros virginiana	4, E.
Red elderberry	Sambucus micrototrys	
Cranberrybush		1,2. From July - long persistent.
Blackhaw	Viburnum prunifolium	
		1,2. From August - long persistent.
	Lonicera dioica	
	Lonicera sempervirens	
Do	Lonicera hirsuta	1,2,3, E.

TABLE 4.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for North Dakota

Common name	Scientific name
Dogbrier. Mountain-ash. Do. Peking cotoneaster. Cockspur thorn. Washington hawthorn. Chinese hawthorn. Siberian crab. Japanese creeper. Russian olive. Bloodtwig dogwood. European elderberry. Red elderberry.	Rosa canina. Sorbus aucuparia. Sorbus americana. Cotoneaster acutifolia. Crataegus crusgalli. Crataegus phaenopyrum. Crataegus pinnatifida. Malus baccata. Ampelopsis tricuspidata. Elaeagnus angustifolia. Cornus sanguinea. Sambucus nigra. Sambucus pubens.

TABLE 4.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for Morth Dakota--Continued

Common name	Scientific name
Morrow honeysuckle Tatarian honeysuckle	Lonicera morrowi. Lonicera tatarica.

TABLE 5.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for South Dakota

Common name	Scientific name
Chinese juniper	Juniperus chinensis and vars.
Spiry Greek juniper	Juniperus excelsis var. stricta.
Japanese juniper	Juniperus japonica.
Tamarix savin	Juniperus sabina var. tamariscifolia,
Russian mulberry	Morus alba var. tatarica.
Asiatic moonseed	Menispermum dauricum.
Red chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia.
Mountain-ash	Sorbus alnifolia.
Do	Sorbus americana.
Do	Sorbus aucuparia.
Do	Sorbus quercifolia.
Peking cotoneaster	Cotoneaster acutifolia.
Rock cotoneaster	Cotoneaster horizontalis.
Flowering cotoneaster	Cotoneaster multiflora.
Chinese photinia	Photinia villosa.
Chinese hawthorn	Crataegus pinnatifida.
Amur hawthorn	Crataegus sanguinea.
Siberian crab	Malus baccata.
Cherry crab	Malus robusta.
Cherry prinsepia	Prinsepia sinensis.
Amur grape	Vitis amurensis.
Rose daphne	Daphne cneorum.
Sea buckthorn	Hippophaë rhamnoides.
Russian olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia.
Coral dogwood	Cornus alba sibirica.
Redtwig dogwood	Cornus sanguinea.
Fringetree	Chionanthus virginica.
Amur privet	Ligustrum amurense.
Matrimony-vine	Lycium chinense.
Do	Lycium halimifolium.
Golden elder	Sambucus nigra aurea.
Fragrant viburnum	Viburnum carlesi.
Wayfaring-tree	: Viburnum lantana.
European cranberrybush	Viburnum opulus. Lonicera albida & vars.
Honey suckle	Lonicera albida & vars.
Do	Lonicera canadensis.
Do	: Lonicera canadensis:
Do	: Lonicera korolkowi.
шо	, Editions volument.

TABLE 5.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for South Dakota--Continued

Common name	Scientific name
Do	Lonicera morrowi Lonicera notha & vars. Lonicera periclymeum. Lonicera salicifolia. Lonicera segreziensis. Lonicera spinosa. Lonicera tatarica & vars. Lonicera japonica. Lonicera sempervirens.

TABLE 6.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for Nebraska

Common name	Scientific name
Russian mulberry	Morus alba tatarica.
Mountain-ash	Sorbus americana.
Do	Sorbus aucuparia.
Siberian crab	Malus baccata.
Parkman crab	Malus parkmani.
Rugosa rose	Rosa rugosa.
Wichurian rose	Rosa wichuriana.
Flowering plum	Prunus triloba.
Russian olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia.
Russet buffaloberry	Shepherdia canadensis.
Japanese creeper	Ampelopsis tricuspidata.
Cornelian cherry	Cornus mas.
Bloodtwig dogwood	Cornus sanguinea.
Coral dogwood	Cornus sibirica alba.
Amur privet	Ligustrum amurense.
Regel privet	Ligustrum ibota var. regelianum.
European privet	Ligustrum vulgare.
Matrimony-vine	Lycium chinense.
Do	Lycium halimifolium.
Red elderberry	Sambucus racemosa.
Golden elderberry	Sambucus nigra aurea.
Wayfaring-tree	Viburnum lantana.
American cranberrybush	Viburnum americanum.
European cranberrybush	Viburnum opulus.
White belle honeysuckle	Lonicera bella albida.
Winter honeysuckle	Lonicera fragrantissima.
Tatarian honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica.
Morrow honey suckle	Lonicera morrowi.
Hall Japanese honey suckle.	Lonicera japonica var. halliana

TABLE 7.--Extralimital fruits that have been recommended for Kansas

Common name	Scientific name
Common juniper	Juniperus communis
Pfitzer juniper	Juriperus chinensis var. pfitzeriana
Savin	
	Juniperus scopulorum.
	Morus alba tatarica.
	Cotoneaster acutifolia.
	Crataegus crusgalli.
-	Prunus pissardi.
	Elaeagnus angustifolia.
	Elaeagnus argentea.
<u> </u>	Cornus alba sibirica.
***	Ligustrum amurense. Ligustrum ibota & var. regelianum.
_	Lightrum vulgare.
	Vitex agnus-castus.
	Vitex incisa.
	Viburnum opulus.
2	Symphoricarpos racemosus.
•	Lonicera tatarica and vars.
Morrow honey suckle	
ŭ	Lonicera maacki.

LITERATURE

Publications of interest in connection with fruits for the Morthern Plains States include:

Region

- Flora of the prairies and plains of central Morth America, by P. A. Rydberg, vii+969 pp., illus., 1932. Inquire as to price from the Botanic Garden, New York, N. Y.
- Possibilities of shelterbelt planting in the Plains Region, by a number of authors. 201 pp., illus., 1935. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. 75 cents a copy.

Morth Dakota

- Flora of North Dakota, by Herbert F. Bergman. Sixth Biennial Report N. Dak. Soil and Geol. Survey, pp. [4]+151-372+19, 1912. Published by the State Soil and Geol. Survey, Bismarck, N. Dak.
- Trees, shrubs and plants for North Dakota farmsteads, by C. B. Waldron. Agr. Ext. Circ. 67, 39 pp., illus., January 1933. Inquire as to conditions governing distribution from the North Dakota Agricultural College., Fargo, N. Dak.

The native fruits of North Dakota and their use, by A. F. Yeager, Esther Latzke, and Dorothy Berrigan. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 281, 26 pp., illus., April 1935. Inquire as to conditions governing distribution from the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. Dak.

South Dakota

Flora of South Dakota, by William H. Over, 161 pp., 34 pls., 1932. Inquire as to conditions governing distribution from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Inquire as to conditions governing distribution of the following bulletins concerning South Dakota from the South Dakota College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Brookings, S. Dak.

- The shade, windbreak, and timber trees of South Dakota, by N. E. Hansen. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 246, 48 pp., illus., March 1930.
- Evergreens in South Dakota, by N. E. Hansen. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 254, 33 pp., illus., October, 1930.
- Home propagation of ornamentals, by A. L. Ford. Agr. Ext. Circ. 305, 11 pp., illus., January 1931.
- The ornamental trees of South Dakota, by N. E. Hansen. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 260, 63 pp., April, 1931.
- The shrubs and climbing vines of South Dakota, by N. E. Hansen. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 263, 135 pp., illus., August 1931.

Kansas

Hardy trees and shrubs for western Kansas, by E. W. Johnson. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bull. 270, 32 pp., illus., September 1934. Inquire as to conditions governing distribution from the State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, Manhattan, Kans.

