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PLANTING STOCK OF STRAWBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, FRUIT
TOMATOES, GRAPES, ASPARAGUS, RHUBARB, AND RASPBERRIES

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commercial growers and home gardeners throughout most of the eastern half of the United States.

If you want a strawberry that is truly outstanding for profit or pleasure you will certainly want Rayners' registered virus-free stock of Surecrop with its abundant production of large, firm, delicious berries.

See page 8 for further details and page 18 for complete prices.

25 PLANTS \$2.20; 100 PLANTS \$4.90; 1000 FOR \$22.00. Complete Price List Page 18.



Sensational NEW OZARK BEAUTY EVERBEARER

Ozark Beauty has been a real sensation wherever it has been grown but we have delayed offering it until a sufficient supply of virus-free plants was available. Now you can start with the best stock of one of the best everbearers of all times.

Ozark Beauty is well named since its berries are truly beautiful, with a bright sparkling color and fine green cap. The size is large throughout its picking season from June until frost and its flavor is unusually sweet and delicious.

Production is extra heavy for an everbearer, with official yields as high as 12,000 quarts per acre. In our opinion one of the most important features is its good plant production and vigor which make Ozark Beauty a very dependable everbearer and much easier to grow than most strawberries of this type. Although it originated in the south, Ozark Beauty is very hardy since it has been tested for several years in areas where the winter temperature reaches 20° below zero or colder. See page 15 for further description of Ozark Beauty.

25 PLANTS \$3.90; 100 PLANTS \$8.80; 1000 FOR \$39.00. Complete Price List Page 18.

To Our Customers and Other Friends



Jack Rayner
President

We welcome you as a reader of Rayner's Berry Book for 1967. Here you will find a source of the best possible planting stock of berries, fruits, and other plants listed in the index on page 4. Our plants are as hardy as any of the same variety regardless of where they are grown. We have thousands of satisfied customers throughout the northern states since our modern storage facilities enable them to obtain fully dormant plants for their late planting season. Since we can dig plants early in the spring we are also able to meet the demands of our many friends in the southern area. Our careful packaging and prompt service will assure you of receiving top-quality plants when you want them.



P. C. Massey
General Manager

Our reliable guarantee is shown below and also of special interest to you is the Rayner policy of honest dealings with our customers. We realize that satisfied customers are the backbone of our business and we will make every reasonable effort to provide you with top quality plants and service.

We hope you will read the planting information in this catalog since it will help you to have good results with our plants. With each order we also send planting instructions and we also have special leaflets that are available, upon request, for culture of any of the stock we sell. Give our plants good treatment and they will reward you many times over with abundant crops of the best fruit.

Yours for continued success with Rayner's plants.

H. JACK W. RAYNER, *President*

"We guarantee you will receive top quality stock. If for any reason you are not pleased with our plants, write us within 30 days and we will replace the plants or refund the complete purchase price. After the 30 day period and within one year of the date the plants were purchased, we will replace at one-half price any plants that are not satisfactory. This guarantee covers full purchase price and does not imply any further responsibility or liability." This guarantee applies to all of our nursery plants that are planted during the spring season and to strawberries planted by July 15.

How to Order from This Catalog

Near each variety description you will find Rayner's 1967 price. Please note that on some items there is a reduction for quantity purchases. On page 18 there is a complete strawberry price list. Prices in this catalog supersede any previous prices and will be applied to any orders received in 1967. This year we are attempting to eliminate some of the problems caused by increased cost of handling, packing, and postage. Therefore we request that you include an additional 10% of the total cost of your plants to cover postage, packing, and handling. On orders west of the Mississippi this charge is 15%. On orders of any amount less than \$5.00 the charge is 50c. If the Special Handling Service of the U. S. Post Office Department is desired please include an additional 35c for orders up to 10 lbs. and 50c for each package over 10 lbs. This service usually results in more rapid delivery of third class mail and we especially recommend it for areas where parcel post delivery is slow. On shipments by rail express the total shipping charge will be collected at your express station. We can ship by United Parcel Service, but only to areas of the Eastern states where this service can be used and only where a complete street or road address is provided. Because of various difficulties we do not accept orders from any foreign countries except Canada. We advise that you send full payment with your order but are glad to hold larger orders if $\frac{1}{4}$ payment is received when the order is placed and the balance is paid before shipment. We do not ship C.O.D. for amounts over \$20.00 and do not extend credit. We will try to ship as near as possible to the date requested. We carefully pack our plants so that they should arrive in good condition after 10 days to 2 weeks. (Please allow at least a week to 10 days for delivery.) We send a notice of shipment, by first class mail the day your order is sent and thus you will know approximately when it should be received. Our plants are guaranteed to arrive in good condition and to grow. Or we will unhesitatingly send replacements or refund your payment whichever you prefer. If it should be necessary to contact us concerning your order please provide us with the red number which is stamped on the order acknowledgment that we send as soon as each order is received.



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BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST



Naturally we want our customers to receive good plants and we also want the plants to give good results. In this catalog you will find full details of strawberry and blueberry culture and planting instructions are sent with each order. If you desire information concerning culture of any of the plants we sell please make this known when your order is placed and we will send the appropriate leaflets. A complete set of our "Better Berries" Bulletins is available by sending 25c to Rayner Bros. Inc., Box 348, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

Where to Find The Finest Nursery Stock

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October 25, 1965

I would like to thank you for the prompt, personal, and courteous attention which we all hope to receive from others but do not always get. My grape vines have made phenomenal growth; the blueberries have done extremely well; and the strawberries produced a good crop of delicious, sweet, berries.

MR. NORMAN W. TETENMAN, Commack, N Y.

June 3, 1966

I wish to express my thanks for your prompt replacement of the grape vines. In this day and age such service is most gratifying and it is surely a pleasure to do business with your company.

MR. HAROLD H. MORTENSEN, Sr., Andalusia, Pa.

How to Choose the Best Strawberry Varieties

Your choice of strawberry varieties depends, to a large extent, on the purpose for which they are to be grown. Some varieties are especially good for fresh eating, while others are quite tart, but good for long-distance shipping. Some are superior for freezing, and others are extra good for preserves. Some varieties will give fine results in nearly any soil, while others require very good growing conditions. Some varieties are resistant to diseases while others are susceptible. Below is a list of general strawberry characteristics when grown under normal conditions. It must be remembered that excess fertility and other conditions can greatly alter strawberry qualities. Thus, we strongly recommend that you try several of the most desirable varieties and decide which ones are best for your particular location. Complete descriptions of all our strawberry varieties are given in this catalog.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME STRAWBERRY VARIETIES

BEST FOR FLAVOR AND GENERAL HOME USE: Redglow, Fairfax, Armore, Pocahontas, Sparkle, Midway, Sunrise, Redstar, Fletcher.

BEST FOR LARGE SIZE: Armore, Robinson, Jerseybelle, Catskill, Empire, Pocahontas, Vesper.

BEST FOR HIGH YIELDS: Catskill, Pocahontas, Surecrop, Earlidawn, Midway, Sunrise.

BEST FOR FIRMNESS: Dixieland, Blakemore, Pocahontas, Surecrop, Tennessee Beauty, Earlibelle, Fulton.

BEST FOR FREEZING: Midland, Pocahontas, Dixieland, Redglow, Sparkle, Surecrop, Earlidawn, Midway, Blakemore, Earlibelle, Fletcher.

BEST FOR PRESERVES AND JAMS: Blakemore, Pocahontas, Tennessee Beauty, Earlibelle.

BEST FOR EARLINESS: Earlidawn, Midland, Premier, Redglow, Sunrise, Earlibelle.

BEST FOR LATENESS: Armore, Sparkle, Jerseybelle, Tennessee Beauty, Redstar, Vesper.

BEST FOR VIGOR AND GROWTH IN POOR OR DRY LAND: Surecrop, Robinson, Premier, Blakemore, Sen. Dunlap, Sunrise.

BEST FOR RESISTANCE TO RED STELE: Surecrop, Redglow, Sparkle, Midway, Sunrise.

BEST FOR RESISTANCE TO VERTICILLIUM WILT: Catskill, Surecrop, Premier, Robinson, Empire, Sunrise.

BEST FOR RESISTANCE TO LEAF TROUBLES: Fairfax, Premier, Midland, Surecrop, Catskill, Empire, Redstar, Tennessee Beauty.

BEST FOR VERY COLD CLIMATES: Sen. Dunlap, Robinson, Catskill, Sparkle, Premier, Midway, Fulton, Fletcher, Redcoat.

BEST FOR FROST RESISTANCE: Earlidawn, Premier.

BEST FOR SOUTHERN STATES: Albritton, Pocahontas, Dixieland, Blakemore, Surecrop, Tennessee Beauty, Earlibelle.

BEST FOR FLORIDA: Florida 90.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PAY

You will never buy berries as good as the fresh harvests of your own locality. With "shipped-in" berries the quality and flavor cannot match the vine-ripened perfection right out of the patch. That's why more and more folks grow their own. Grow more! Save more! Have more!

**VIRUS
FREE**

EARLIDAWN

**BEST EARLY VARIETY FOR
COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION**



Since its introduction in 1956 by the United States Dept. of Agriculture, Earlidawn has been of steadily increasing importance as an early commercial strawberry. It ripens before all other strawberries and produces tremendous crops that lead the customers right to your door for those early profits. Berries of Earlidawn are light-red in color and have a fairly firm, light-red flesh. The flavor is tart and when used for preserves and freezing this variety gives fine results.

Plants of Earlidawn often do not make quite as many runners as some varieties but in any reasonably good soil it will usually make a fine fruiting bed. Like other strawberries susceptible

to Verticillium wilt this variety should not be planted in soil where tomatoes or potatoes have recently been grown. Despite its earliness, Earlidawn has unusual frost resistance and thus is a very dependable producer. It ripens rapidly and produces lots of big berries that make the rows shine with the unmatched beauty of red, ripe strawberries. Rayners virus-free stock will result in the best success with Earlidawn.

25 Plants \$2.65; 50 for \$4.05; 100 for \$6.05; 1,000 for \$26.50. Complete Prices Page 18.

January 8, 1966

The Earlidawn strawberry plants I bought from you last year were great. The comment from all who saw the berries was "I never saw anything like it."

MR. LAWRENCE CAPPS, Paris, Tenn.

March 23, 1966

The 400 plants of Midway, Pocahontas, and Midland look as if they will pick at least 3 qts. per plant. They are as big as plums or bigger. I never believed I could raise such fine berries.

MR. JESSE PARKINSON, Muncie, Ind.

EXCELLENT QUALITY AND BEAUTY— VERY EARLY—VIRUS-FREE

Throughout the northeastern and central states, this is one of the finest of all strawberries for flavor, quality, and appearance. The berries are very large and have a beautiful deep red color. The flesh is firm and has a fine solid red texture that rates Midland as one of the best of all for freezing. Berries ripen very early and bring top prices, so this is a fine variety for either small or large-scale commercial use. On Long Island virus-free Midland has proven to be an outstanding variety for the high-quality New York market.

We strongly recommend Midland for home gardens and local sales where its excellent quality and fine appearance make it a real favorite. The plants are vigorous and resistant to leaf troubles and do not make too many runners as is the case with some varieties. Give Midland good growing conditions and you will be rewarded with a fine strawberry in all respects. Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Midland will bring the best out of this excellent variety.

MIDLAND



25 Plants \$2.65; 50 for \$4.05; 100 for \$6.05; 1,000 for \$26.50. Complete Prices Page 18.

Our prices do not include Postage. See order sheet for postage and handling charge.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

New

SUNRISE

**VIRUS-FREE
FROM U. S. D. A.**

**AMAZINGLY PRODUCTIVE
DISEASE RESISTANT**

For several years this new variety was tested as Md.-U. S. 2601 in many areas of the U. S. A. In our test plots it has been outstanding for high yields of large, firm, very bright, attractive berries that hold their fine color long after picking. These same features have caused Sunrise to receive excellent reports in official tests from New Jersey to Missouri. It was selected from a cross of U. S. 4152 x Stelemaster and has inherited multiple resistance to the red stele fungus and resistance to Verticillium wilt. Sunrise ripens early—about 2 days after Earlidawn—and produces heavy yields of very attractive berries with a fine cap and pink flesh color. The flavor is good for fresh use and preserves but when frozen the color is a bit light for top quality.



Plants of Sunrise are vigorous and resistant to leaf scorch and powdery mildew but susceptible to leaf spot. This variety is also very drought resistant and may make an excess of runners with resulting decrease in fruit production if not thinned. We recommend Sunrise as a very promising early, commercial variety especially in soils where red stele and Verticillium wilt occur.

25 Plants \$3.00; 50 for \$4.55; 100 for \$6.75; 1,000 for \$30.00. Complete Prices Page 18.
Prices do not include postage. See Page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge

New

EARLIBELLE

EARLY COMMERCIAL VARIETY FOR SOUTHERN AREA. VIRUS-FREE

Earlibelle resulted from the cooperative breeding program of the United States Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. Apparently it will take the place of Dixieland in some areas because its berries are unusually firm and thus excellent for a southern shipping variety. It ripens early and produces fine crops of beautiful, bright, tart berries that "hold their size." Earlibelle is a very vigorous variety and makes lots of plants even in sandy soil or dry weather. Dr. M. M. Parker, of the Virginia Truck Experiment Station, found this variety to be extremely productive, early in ripening, and to produce large, firm berries even when fruiting beds were crowded with plants. We recommend Earlibelle for trial from eastern Maryland into Georgia and other southern areas.

25 Plants for \$2.50; 50 for \$3.75; 100 for \$5.60; 1,000 for \$25.00. Complete Prices Page 18.



**VIRUS
FREE**

REDGLOW

OUTSTANDING FOR FLAVOR AND BEAUTY

REDGLOW is our nomination for the best combination of beauty, flavor, and quality in a strawberry. It is so delicious that you and your customers will know you have found the variety that has all that can be desired in this respect. In addition, this fine early variety has resistance to the red stele disease and sufficient hardiness to withstand northern winters. For home gardens Redglow is a favorite because of its beauty and flavor, and for local sales these same fine features result in "repeat customers." Berry size is large and the outside color is a bright, light-red while the inside color is also bright red. It grows well in nearly any reasonably fertile soil and with Rayner's virus-free stock you will obtain the full value.

25 Plants \$2.45; 50 for \$3.70; 100 for \$5.50; 1,000 for \$24.50.

**VIRUS
FREE**

FAIRFAX

**THAT WONDERFUL
STRAWBERRY**

THE OUTSTANDING VARIETY FOR DELICIOUS FLAVOR

We recommend Fairfax for those who want strawberries with a truly delicious flavor. Since its introduction in 1928 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, this variety has been a flavor favorite. Many commercial growers have customers who pay a premium price for this delicious berry, and many home gardeners always include it in their planting. Berries of Fairfax become a very deep red color when at their flavor peak, but for freezing the berries of medium red color give better results. Its fruit is medium to large in size, and production is good. Plants of our virus-free Fairfax are quite vigorous and winter hardy throughout the northeastern states. We believe that the sensational flavor of Fairfax makes it one of the very best varieties for home gardens from north to south. Rayner's virus-free plants will give best results.



25 Plants \$2.40; 50 for \$3.65; 100 for \$5.40; 1,000 for \$24.00. Complete Prices Page 18.
Our prices do not include Postage. See order sheet for postal and handling charges.

February 28, 1966

Even with the severe drought last year I picked 85 qts. of huge strawberries from 75 plants of Premier, Sparkle, and Robinson.

MRS. DORRIS E. CAMPBELL, Shirley, Mass.

**IMPROVED
VIRUS-FREE
YELLOW-FREE**

DIXIELAND

**SUPERIOR
FIRMNESS**

For the first time in years we again have virus-free, yellows-free DIXIELAND. This is the result of excellent research by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and now we can again recommend Dixieland to the southern and northern areas where this shipping variety of unusual firmness has been of much importance. Unfortunately we have only a small supply of plants and must limit sales to 500 plants this year. Dixieland has been an important commercial variety in much of the South-Central area and even in some northern states since its berries are so firm that they can be shipped long distances and arrive in perfect condition.

25 Plants \$2.50; 50 for \$3.75; 100 for \$5.60; 500 for \$16.25.



PREMIER

**U. S. D. A.
Virus-Free
Strain**

THE OLD FAVORITE EARLY BERRY

Premier is such a well-known variety that despite the fact it is surpassed by several other varieties it is still very popular in many areas. It originated in Massachusetts and was introduced in 1918 as Howard-17. Later it was renamed Premier and became one of the most widely grown of all strawberries. It ripens early and is quite frost hardy in cold climates, so that it has long had the reputation of being a very dependable producer of big crops of strawberries. Premier will grow well in most types of soil but is not resistant to the red stele disease. It ripens early, producing attractive light red berries in abundance. In most of the northern states it is generally considered a very dependable variety for home use and local sales. Our planting stock is of the U.S.D.A. strain, which is exceptionally vigorous and a free runner producer. Premier is very resistant to Verticillium wilt.

25 Plants for \$2.20; 50 for \$3.35; 100 for \$4.90; 1,000 for \$22.00.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

VIRUS
FREE

POCAHONTAS

EXTRA BIG YIELDS OF HIGH QUALITY BERRIES. EXCELLENT FOR BOTH COMMERCIAL AND HOME PLANTINGS.

Pocahontas was introduced in 1954 by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Virginia Truck Experiment Station and soon became one of the leading varieties for both commercial and home garden production. Such popularity is fully deserved since Pocahontas produces extra big yields of very large, bright, high quality berries that hold their fine appearance long after picking. Thus Pocahontas is a favorite with commercial producers where these features are so important. The excellent quality and large size of Pocahontas, together with fine plant vigor, also make it one of the best for home gardens. It ripens in midseason and yields amazing crops of beautiful berries that "hold their size" during its long harvest period. The berries have a fine bright skin with yellow seeds and a good clear red flesh color. Therefore Pocahontas is fine for freezing and preserves. From New York to Georgia and westward to Texas this variety is still one of the very best and we recommend it highly to all who want big crops of large, fancy berries.



25 Plants \$2.30; 50 for \$3.55; 100 for \$5.15; 1,000 for \$23.00. Complete Prices Page 18.
Our prices do not include Postage. See page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge.

January 19, 1966

Your plants of Pocahontas and Redstar were terrific and produced berries that were so tasty, big, and kept so well.

MR. WM. HACKMAN, Coopersburg, Pa.

March 11, 1966

The Surecrops we purchased from Rayner's are the best. People here have never seen such large and sweet berries and they are wonderful for freezing.

MR. HERMAN A. FRANK, Luckey, Ohio

VIRUS
FREE

SURECROP

SEE COLOR PHOTO
INSIDE FRONT COVER

DISEASE RESISTANT, DROUGHT RESISTANT, UNUSUALLY VIGOROUS

As proof of its superiority Surecrop has again been rated first in "On-The-Farm" variety trials conducted by the University of West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service. Its average yield from 7 locations was 1.37 quarts per plant set or 6,850 qts. per acre. In one planting it produced at the rate of 13,600 qts. per acre. Its fruit was rated large in size, firm in texture, and of good freezing quality. Similar reports are obtained from so many customers in so many locations that we can unhesitatingly recommend Surecrop as a truly remarkable strawberry for both home garden and commercial production.

Surecrop has such vigor that it will often grow in poor or dry land where other strawberries fail. Also it has multiple resistance to the red stele disease as well as resistance to Verticillium wilt and other troubles. Because of its vigorous growth it is most important to prevent the fruiting bed from becoming too heavily matted and to avoid any spring application of fertilizer.

This excellent midseason variety has beautiful, firm fruit, with nice flavor and quality. Try Surecrop for one of the finest strawberries you have ever seen. Further information on inside cover.

25 Plants \$2.20; 50 for \$3.35; 100 for \$4.90; 1,000 for \$22.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

TREMENDOUS
YIELDS OF
LARGE BERRIES

MIDWAY

VIRUS-FREE
New U. S. D. A. Hybrid

GET YOUR SHARE OF BIG PROFITS FROM THIS NEW
COMMERCIAL LEADER. EXCELLENT FLAVOR, FINE FOR FREEZING,
RED STELE RESISTANT



Because of its tremendous production of delicious, firm, attractive berries, Midway has had a popularity explosion that causes the demand for plants to far exceed the supply. So if you want good plants of this outstanding variety, be sure to place your order early. Within a few years this wonderful berry from the U. S. Department of Agriculture has blazed a trail to the top for both commercial production and home plantings. In Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and many other states it has become a sensational favorite. If you want to grow one of the best of all strawberries, be sure to get Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Midway. It has now proved to be one of the heaviest yielding of all strawberries and one of the best ever for big profits.

It ripens in early midseason, producing large, bright berries with extra fancy caps and bright

yellow seeds. Berries of Midway have a nice uniform shape and hold their large size and fine appearance for the long harvest season. The berries have a firm flesh and firm skin, which permits long-distance shipment and results in a nice-looking berry a day or two after they have been picked. Midway is a delicious berry for fresh use and excellent for freezing and preserves. It has resistance to red stele and is a very good plant maker if conditions are at all favorable. Be sure to try this superior variety.

25 Plants \$2.30; 50 for \$3.55; 100 for \$5.15; 1,000 for \$23.00. Complete Prices Page 18.
Our prices do not include Postage. See page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge.

March 3, 1966

I bought 2,000 Jerseybells from you 2 yrs. ago and my customers said they were the biggest berries they ever saw. The 1000 Midway had the most berries I have seen in all my life and they couldn't be beat for flavor.

CHESTER ELICKER, Dillsburg, Penna.

VIRUS
FREE

EMPIRE

EXCELLENT FOR COMMERCIAL
AND HOME USE IN THE NORTH

Empire is another of the fine fruit developments of the New York State Experiment Station. Thus, it is well suited to the northern states where it is a fine midseason companion of Catskill. Yields are good, and it has sufficient frost and winter hardiness to be a very dependable producer. Empire is an especially attractive berry since it has a very glossy, medium red color and a fine green cap. The berry shape is somewhat elongate and irregular. Berry size is large, and this size holds up well for the entire picking season. The flesh color of Empire is somewhat pale, and it is a bit soft, but the flavor is very good. Its large size, fine appearance and good flavor rate Empire as a real profit maker in northern states. We definitely believe you will like this excellent variety.

Plants of Empire are very vigorous, winter hardy and resistant to Verticillium wilt. Runner plants are developed freely and result in a good fruiting row. In all the New England area, we believe you will have excellent results with Rayner's virus-free Empire which produces such extra-big berries.

25 Plants \$2.30; 100 for \$5.15; 1,000 for \$23.00. Order Early. Complete Prices Page 18.



BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

CATSKILL

**BIG YIELDS OF BIG BERRIES
OUTSTANDING NORTHERN VARIETY
VIRUS-FREE—WINTER HARDY**



This famous berry has long been the leading variety in most of the northeastern United States. It is especially hardy and consistently produces unusually big crops. Berries of Catskill are large, bright in color, and of excellent flavor. They ripen in midseason and are a favorite for local sales and home gardens. Catskill is generally not firm enough for long distance shipment but is excellent for "pick them yourself" plantings. Plants of Catskill are very vigorous and resistant to leaf troubles and Verticillium wilt. This variety was introduced by the New York Agricultural Experiment Station in 1933 and still remains a favorite with thousands of growers who praise its bumper crops of big delicious berries. Through Penna. and northward into Canada, Catskill gives fine results in nearly any soil that is reasonably fertile and moist. Rayner's virus-free true-to-name stock assures you of the best possible results with Catskill.

25 Plants \$2.35; 50 for \$3.60; 100 for \$5.25; 1,000 for \$23.50. Complete Prices Page 18.

February 4, 1966

From 100 of Rayner's plants purchased in 1964 we picked more than 250 qts. of excellent berries in 1965. Surecrop, Robinson, and Jerseybelle were the talk of the community for quality and quantity.

MR. W. T. TORRENCE, Appomattox, Virginia

February 20, 1965

In all the 55 years I have raised strawberries the Sparkle plants you sent have made the most beautiful beds I have ever seen.

MR. FREEMAN ROBINSON, Auburn, Maine

**UNUSUALLY
VIGOROUS**

ROBINSON

**VIRUS
FREE**

Extra Large Berries

Robinson (also known as Kardinal King and Scarlet Beauty) has several outstanding good features that far outweigh its less desirable qualities. It is one of the most vigorous plant makers and will often give good results in poor or sandy soils where other varieties fail. Even under drought conditions it will usually produce good crops. Another fine quality is its very large berry size. Fruits of Robinson are very big, and with their light red color they bring good prices. Its ripening period begins soon after Premier, but it is generally considered a midseason variety. The plants are small but the fruiting beds are very wide and vigorous—in fact, best results are obtained if late-formed runners are removed. Robinson is resistant to Verticillium wilt and virus diseases and is very winter hardy.

In cool climates the quality and firmness of Robinson is good enough to satisfy most customers. However, in warm areas it may not be suitable. Because of its vigor and large berry size Robinson remains a favorite of many home gardeners and commercial growers in the northeast.

50 for \$3.35; 100 for \$4.90; 1,000 for \$22.00.

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**VIRUS-FREE
BIG PROFITS**

JERSEYBELLE

HUGE, BEAUTIFUL BERRIES—LATE—VERY PRODUCTIVE

If you want big strawberries you want Jerseybelle.

This popular berry was introduced by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and soon became very popular because of its huge, bright, beautiful berries which bring the highest prices. They are therefore excellent for roadside stands, auction markets, and similar sales where your customers will pay more for fancy berries. And if you want a berry you can truly be proud of then you will find the answer in Jerseybelle since a quart of these berries is truly a sight to behold.

Berries of Jerseybelle have consistently been about the largest of any variety we have ever seen, and they have a beautiful glossy color that gives a waxed appearance. The cap is large and the seeds are bright yellow, resulting in a berry of unusual beauty. The flesh is not nearly as juicy as in some varieties, thus Jerseybelle will hold its appearance quite well. The flavor is not as good as for some berries but is satisfactory. The ripening season is quite late, about a week after Sparkle, which greatly helps to prolong the picking season.

Jerseybelle may show some leaf troubles but generally this is not a serious problem. In northern soils, it is best not to plant Jerseybelle in land recently grown to tomatoes, potatoes, or other strawberries. But if you are looking for that extra big berry that will make real profits, you will make a planting of Rayner's registered, virus-free Jerseybelle.

25 Plants \$2.40; 50 for \$3.65; 100 for \$5.40; 1,000 for \$24.00.

See order sheet for postage and handling charge.



SPARKLE

**FAVORITE LATE VARIETY FOR FRESH
USE AND FREEZING—VIRUS-FREE**

For many years Sparkle has been the most important late strawberry in much of the northeast. It was introduced by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station in 1931 and soon became very popular because of its many outstanding qualities. Sparkle is a very dependable producer of fine crops of glossy, sparkling berries. They are of medium size, have a nice cap, and yellow seeds. Berries of Sparkle have very good flavor and quality and are rated very good for freezing and for preserves. Sparkle generally ripens just after the midseason varieties and is a very important commercial variety north of Maryland. It is very winter hardy, giving good results even in parts of Canada. It is a good

plant maker in most types of soil. As an extra feature Sparkle is resistant to red stele and leaf troubles. Plants of Sparkle are naturally quite vigorous, but with Rayner's virus-free stock they have that extra vitality that really makes this a great favorite for both commercial growers and home gardeners. In Michigan there is a variety known as Paymaster that is generally considered to be the same as Sparkle.

25 Plants \$2.30; 50 for \$3.55; 100 for \$5.15; 1,000 for \$23.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

**EXTRA LARGE
VERY LATE**

VESPER

**VIRUS
FREE**



Vesper, which was tested as New Jersey selection No. 157, provides strawberry growers with the biggest and one of the latest of all strawberries. This variety is truly amazing because of its huge berries, which are as large as any variety we know. It is much like Jerseybelle in most respects, which it now displaces as champion for berry size. For lateness it is about as late as Redstar, which is generally considered to be the latest of all June bearing strawberries. Foliage of Vesper is generally vigorous but like Jerseybelle is a bit more susceptible to leaf troubles than some varieties. But with proper growing conditions Vesper can be one of the most remarkable strawberries you have ever seen.

The unusually late ripening of this variety is additional reason why it can be a real profit maker, since you will still have fine berries after other strawberries are gone. Be sure to try at least a few of this amazing new variety that will show you and your friends just how big a strawberry can be.

25 Plants \$2.65; 50 for \$4.05; 100 for \$6.05; 1,000 for \$26.50. Complete Prices Page 18.

ARMORE

**EXTRA LARGE BERRIES
LATE—EXTRA FINE FLAVOR
VIRUS-FREE**

For many years ARMORE has been a favorite variety with home gardeners and local market growers. This variety is well suited throughout the area from Missouri to New England. Although rated as a late variety it ripens several days ahead of such extra-late varieties as Redstar and Vesper. Armore is a good plant maker and grows well in most soils.

Its foliage is subject to leaf troubles but this does not seem to interfere with heavy yields of large, delicious berries which have a good red color inside and out. For big yields of a large, late, sweet berry be sure to try Rayner's virus-free stock of Armore.

25 Plants \$2.20; 50 for \$3.35; 100 for \$4.90; 1,000 for \$22.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

REDSTAR

**VIRUS
FREE**

LARGE EXTRA-LATE

The big feature of Redstar is its unusual lateness. It ripens a week or more after the normal late varieties. Thus, Redstar is very popular with both home gardeners and commercial producers who want to extend the berry season as long as possible. Another advantage of this lateness is that Redstar rarely is hurt by frost and thus is a dependable producer throughout most of the Eastern states.

Redstar does best in fertile soil where it will make a nice bed of unusually large plants. The fruit is large, attractive, and has a very big cap that makes Redstar a beautiful berry. Flavor and quality are good, and it makes a nice frozen product.

Rayner's registered stock of virus-free Redstar has resulted in a great increase in popularity of this fine variety. It still requires good growing conditions for best results, but now Redstar is much more dependable.

25 Plants \$2.45; 50 for \$3.70; 100 for \$5.50; 1,000 for \$24.50. Complete Prices Page 18. See page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge.





From N.Y.
Experiment
Station

VIRUS
FREE

FLETCHER

FLETCHER was released by the New York Agricultural Experiment Station in 1959 as a result of the outstanding breeding program of Dr. George L. Slate. For several years this variety has been tested in New York and other states and has proven to be a very promising berry for both home use and commercial production. It is a cross of Midland with Suwannee, both of which have excellent quality, and as a result Fletcher has a wonderful flavor that should appeal to all who appreciate good strawberry flavor. Berries of Fletcher are reasonably large, bright in color, excellent for freezing, and sufficiently firm for commercial marketing. The plants are vigorous, tall, and very productive. Fletcher is a fairly late variety—ripening about 3 days after Sparkle. It is very winter hardy and well adapted to northeastern conditions.



25 Plants \$3.00; 50 for \$4.55; 100 for \$6.75; 1,000 for \$30.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

A FIRM VARIETY FOR
COLD CLIMATES

FULTON

VIRUS
FREE

FULTON was introduced by the New York Experiment Station to provide a good, firm strawberry suited to cold climates. As most northern berries are rather soft, the firmness of this beautiful, productive, midseason variety, is quite important to commercial growers who want a variety that will bring top prices at local markets. Plants of Fulton are vigorous and resistant to leaf troubles.

25 Plants \$2.50; 50 for \$3.75; 100 for \$5.60; 1,000 for \$25.00.

VIRUS
FREE

SENATOR DUNLAP

THE OLD-FASHIONED VARIETY WITH WILD STRAWBERRY FLAVOR

Dunlap was named in Illinois in 1890 and has withstood the test of time better than any standard variety. It was a favorite long ago because of its wonderful flavor and excellent quality for fresh use and preserves. Today Senator Dunlap still has these same excellent features and has also proven to be fine for freezing. The plants are extremely winter hardy and will grow in our coldest states. Try Rayner's registered stock of virus-free Dunlap.

25 Plants \$2.00; 50 for \$3.00; 100 for \$4.50; 1,000 for \$20.00. Complete Prices Page 18.



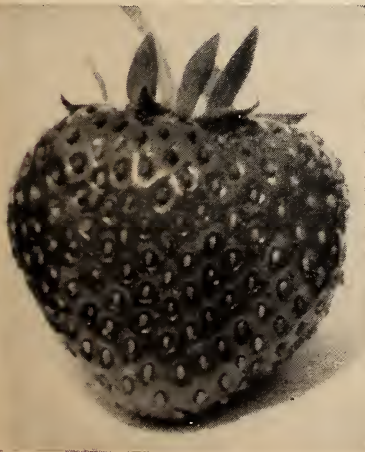
From Canadian
Department of
Agriculture

VIRUS
FREE

REDCOAT

In recent "On-The-Farm" trials with strawberry varieties by the University of West Virginia, REDCOAT appeared to be a very promising variety. It was very productive with very attractive, firm berries that were rated good for processing and freezing. This fine variety was introduced by the Canadian Dept. of Agriculture and of course is very winter hardy. Redcoat ripens in midseason and appears to be well worth trial in most moderate to cold climates. Rayner's virus-free stock will give best results.

25 Plants \$3.00; 100 for \$6.75; 1,000 for \$30.00.



BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

TENN. BEAUTY

VIRUS
FREE

LATE COMMERCIAL VARIETY FOR SOUTH-CENTRAL STATES

Tennessee Beauty is recommended as a commercial variety in south-central and eastern states, where its firmness is a definite advantage. Many growers tell us that it is their best producer.

The berries are of medium size and have a bright, rich red color. The flavor is good, and the slight tartness results in fine quality. For freezing and preserving Tennessee Beauty rates high since it produces a fine bright product. One feature of this variety that is desirable for processing is the ease with which the cap comes off. With its many fine features such as good quality, firmness, beauty, and high production, Tennessee Beauty is definitely a good variety for both commercial and home plantings.

Although we do not recommend large-scale planting of Tennessee Beauty in the northern states, it is considered a good commercial variety in some sections.



25 Plants \$2.20; 50 for \$3.35; 100 for \$4.90; 1,000 for \$22.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

VIRUS
FREE

BLAKEMORE

DROUGHT
RESISTANT

THE BEST FOR PRESERVES AND JAMS—WONDERFUL FOR FREEZING

Because of its fine qualities when processed or frozen BLAKEMORE once was the most widely planted commercial strawberry. Its sparkling, light-red, firm berries still produce the finest, most attractive preserves you have ever seen. When frozen the berries hold their shape well and have fine color. For a special attraction freeze some whole, with caps attached. Plants of Blakemore are especially vigorous and will grow well in nearly any soil. This early variety is especially suited to moderate climates but should do well in all but the coldest states. If you like strawberry preserves be sure to try Blakemore.

25 Plants for \$2.00; 50 for \$3.00; 100 for \$4.50; 1,000 for \$20.00

VIRUS
FREE

ALBRITTON

CAROLINA
FAVORITE

ALBRITTON is a leading commercial and home garden variety in the coastal region of North Carolina and will give good results southward into Georgia and northward into Virginia. In this area it produces berries that are unusually attractive and of fine quality but unfortunately Albritton does not give good results in colder climates. Rayner's virus-free stock of Albritton is especially vigorous and productive.

25 Plants \$2.00; 50 for \$3.00; 1,000 for \$20.00. See order sheet for postal charges.

VIRUS
FREE

FLORIDA 90

BEST FOR
FLORIDA

Because of the lack of cold weather in Florida there is not sufficient winter dormancy for fruit development in most varieties of strawberry. The plants will grow but production of fruit is poor or absent. For many years Missionary was the only variety that would produce good crops under Florida conditions, but in recent years it has been largely replaced by Florida 90, a berry developed in Florida for Florida conditions. This is the berry that is grown so extensively for shipment to the North. Its berries are large and elongate and have a rich red color and wonderful flavor. Not satisfactory north of Georgia.

25 Plants \$2.00; 50 for \$3.00; 100 for \$4.50; 1,000 for \$20.00. Complete Prices Page 18.

New

OZARK BEAUTY

EVERBEARER

VIRUS-FREE VIGOR—AMAZINGLY PRODUCTIVE—VERY HARDY

See Inside Front Cover for Further Details

We wish we could show you the many letters of praise we have received concerning the outstanding performance of our virus-free stock of Ozark Beauty. Below is just part of one such note and even in California we heard from a customer who rated it as the best variety he had ever grown. Plants of Ozark Beauty are very vigorous and will give good results in almost any reasonably fertile soil where they grow rapidly and produce lots of runners. For best results the first crop of blossoms should be removed from newly set plants but in late summer a fine crop of big, delicious berries will be produced. Then, the next spring you will be amazed at the heavy production of very large, attractive, delicious fruit and another great crop in the fall.

25 Plants \$3.90; 50 for \$5.85; 100 for \$8.80; 1,000 for \$39.00.

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August 11, 1965

Enclosed are color photos of our field of Ozark Beauty set with Rayner's plants in April. The plant growth has been amazing and they are so full of bloom and berries that it is amazing. The berries we have picked are huge.

Mr. HARRY F. MARSHALL, Salineville, Ohio

SUPERFECTION

For many years SUPERFECTION, also known as Gem, has been our most dependable everbearer. It produces a nice crop of large, bright berries in the spring and again in late summer and fall. Plants are more vigorous than those of most everbearers and Rayner's virus-free stock is further assurance of success. Superfection has been a favorite everbearer for many years with home gardeners from north to south who appreciate its remarkable ability to produce big, attractive strawberries so late in the year.

25 Plants \$3.50; 100 for \$7.90.

**VIRUS-FREE EVERBEARER
TIME-TESTED FAVORITE**

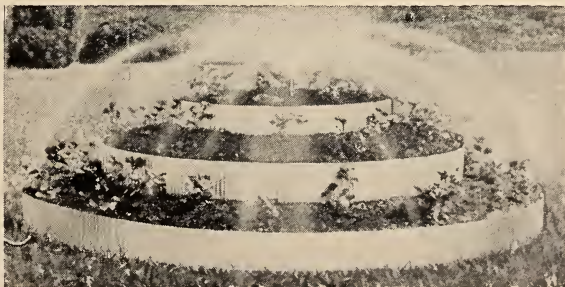
BERRY TERRACE

50 feet of row in a 6-foot space

IDEAL FOR SMALL YARDS

The Terrace is made of aluminum that holds its beauty for years. It will accommodate 50 Everbearing strawberry plants. The ease of watering and fertilizing enables much more production of fruit than would normally be realized. The beauty of foliage and blossoms and the harvest of berries from spring to frost will provide a constant delight.

You may prefer to grow one or two of the excellent June-bearing varieties in your pyramid. Do not remove the blossoms but cut off the runners and you will have excellent berries 60 days or less after planting.



NEW MODEL PYRAMID \$7.95

Consists of three attractive corrugated aluminum bands with a base diameter of 6 feet. Complete with sprinkler system ready for attachment to your garden hose.

ACCESSORIES FOR PYRAMID

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| Cover (plastic) makes small greenhouse | \$4.95 |
| Support Strips (for cover) | \$3.30 |
| Net (for bird protection) | \$6.35 |

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

Growing Strawberries

Strawberries are one of the easiest crops to grow. Good plants set at the proper season in good soil will thrive with ordinary care and cultivation. There is nothing complicated about growing strawberries, and by following these easy instructions the beginner can be sure of good results. Rayner's registered virus-free stock is further assurance of success.

Where strawberries can be grown: In every state of the Union strawberries are grown at least to some extent. They are quite hardy and will give good results in any reasonably fertile soil that has good moisture. Like other fruit, strawberries require almost full sunlight for good fruit production.

Soil and fertilizer: A good soil for strawberries is one that is slightly acid, in good condition, and reasonably free of weed seed. Newly plowed pasture land or sod may give poor results, but recently cleared woodland is excellent. If good soil is properly prepared, it can be successfully replanted to strawberries a year after an old planting was plowed up. Important requirements for strawberries are high organic matter and high fertility. Well-rotted barnyard manure is one of the best materials for good strawberry growth but other organic matter is very helpful. Well-rotted poultry manure can be used. Many growers plow under about 500 lbs. of complete fertilizer two or three weeks before planting, but if the soil contains a good supply of manure this is not necessary.

Use of a good soluble fertilizer at time of planting is recommended. It will not burn the plants and can be safely used at any time during the growing season.

Strawberries have a high requirement for nitrogen, but it must be applied at the proper time or else very adverse effects may result. Fruit buds, which determine the spring crop, are developed in the plant during August and September. Therefore, this is the most important time to apply fertilizer. Most successful growers apply about 500 lbs. per acre of a 10-6-4, 8-8-8, or similar fertilizer at this time. This is equal to about 1 lb. per 80 sq. ft. of strawberry bed. The fertilizer should be spread directly on the plants when dry and then brushed off the leaves. If applied when the leaves are wet, injury may result.

An excellent organic plant food for strawberries and nearly all other plants is cottonseed meal. It is obtained entirely from ground cottonseed and is thus entirely organic in nature. Usually it contains about 6% nitrogen, 3% phosphoric acid, and 2% potash plus other important elements. Thus, cottonseed meal is a perfect plant food for those who follow the highly commendable practices of organic gardening. It is usually used at the rate of 4 lbs. per 25 ft. of strawberry row and will cause no injury or damage to the plants. It should be applied once in early spring, again in midsummer.

In general, it is best not to apply fertilizer during the spring on fruiting beds. This can cause excess plant growth, reduced fruit production, and poorer quality. We believe this is one of the most common causes of poor strawberry yields and recommend that fruiting beds should not be fertilized in the spring.

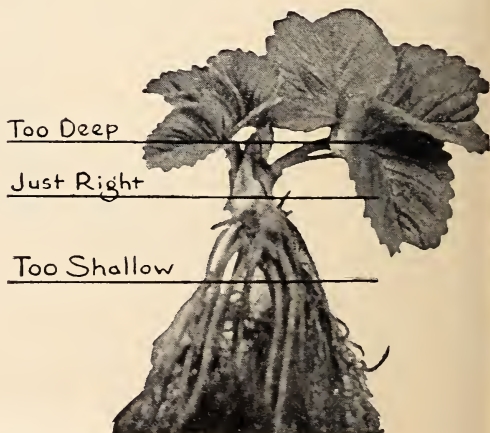
When to plant: Early spring is usually the best time to plant strawberries. In northern states it is best to wait until May or even June when the soil is in good condition. Frost or snow will not harm newly planted strawberries. *With Rayner's dormant plants, there is a definite trend to summer planting where irrigation is available. This gives a less crowded plant bed which yields unusually heavy crops of very large berries.* In cold climates we do not recommend planting after mid-July. Fall plantings are sometimes successful but are often damaged or completely destroyed by winter injury.

How to plant: It is important not to set the plant too deep or too shallow—see photo below. Do not clip the roots but spread them out full length and press soil around the plant so that the roots are firmly anchored in the soil. About a pint of water or soluble fertilizer solution should be poured around each plant when it is put in the hole. A good planting distance is 2 ft. apart in the row, with 4 ft. between rows. Slightly narrow fruiting beds will usually have better yields and higher quality than beds that are unusually thick. There are usually two extra plants per bunch, so set the extras at a row end and use if replacements are needed.

Plants Required Per Acre

Plants required per acre at various planting distances:

| Rows | Distance in Row | Plants per Acre |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3½ ft. apart | 18 in. | 8,325 |
| 3½ ft. apart | 24 in. | 6,225 |
| 3½ ft. apart | 30 in. | 5,000 |
| 4 ft. apart | 15 in. | 8,750 |
| 4 ft. apart | 18 in. | 7,300 |
| 4 ft. apart | 24 in. | 5,425 |
| 4 ft. apart | 30 in. | 4,375 |



STRAWBERRY CULTURE

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Care of the plants: A few weeks after the strawberries are planted they will produce blossoms. For the regular matted-row system it is best to remove these blooms since the plants will make better growth. Hoeing and cultivation are necessary practices for weed control, but much benefit can be obtained by use of a good weed-killer. We recommend that you consult your state agricultural authorities for recommendations. We use geese in our fields for weed control; about three per acre will do a good job on young grass.

In northern states it is important to mulch strawberries for prevention of winter injury. Straw, hay, or marsh grass are the best materials. It should be applied in the fall when the temperature first reaches 20°F and used so as to cover the plants to a depth of 3 to 4 in. About three to six tons

of hay or straw per acre is needed. As soon as new strawberry leaves begin to grow in the spring, the mulch should be removed so that only about an inch remains. The rest should be kept between the beds where it will help keep the berries clean and free of rot. Even in the South many berries are mulched to help keep them free of dirt and decay.

Control of diseases and insects: Two soil diseases: red stele and verticillium wilt, sometimes damage strawberries. On page 4 there is a list of resistant varieties. In our No. 17 issue of "Better Berries" we have a chart showing control of diseases and insects. And in our No. 21 issue there is a full summary of strawberry culture. Write to Rayner Bros. Inc., Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

For further details concerning strawberries contact your county agricultural agent or write to your state agricultural extension service.

RAYNER'S PROVEN PLANTING SYSTEM GIVES YOU DELICIOUS RIPE STRAWBERRIES WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER PLANTING

The usual and most reliable method of growing strawberries is to remove the blossoms that are produced the same season the plants are set. For large plantings this is the best method, since it gives better stands of plants if growing conditions are unfavorable.

But with the new virus-free vigor of Rayner's registered strawberry plants it is now possible to leave the blossoms on the newly set plants and to harvest big delicious berries within six to eight weeks after planting. We recommend this method only for those who are willing to take the small amount of extra care that is necessary. But if you will follow the method described below, we feel certain that you will be rewarded with a fine yield of beautiful berries within 60 days after planting and that you will be truly amazed at the yield and size of berries the second season.

1. Select a piece of well-drained soil that receives full sunlight. During the fall or early spring, make a heavy application of organic matter. Well-rotted stable manure is preferred, but chicken manure is also good. Compost, sawdust, and peat are also satisfactory, but if they are used some type of fertilizer would be helpful. For each bushel use 8 oz. of ammonium nitrate or 1 lb. 5-10-5 or similar fertilizer. This material should be mixed thoroughly into the soil at least two weeks before planting. Plant as early as possible in the spring and no later than June 15. This method is not recommended for strawberries set after this date.

2. Set the plants about 18 in. apart in the row and have 3 ft. between rows. Make a hole for each plant so that the roots can be fully extended and spread outward slightly. Pour about 1 pt. of soluble fertilizer around each plant, and press the soil firmly around it so that the roots are fully covered but no soil is on the bud.

3. Each week during the growing season straw-

berries require about 2 in. of water. If this is not received by rainfall, it should be applied.

4. About 25 to 30 days after planting, the plants will produce blossoms. Do not remove these blossoms since in another 25 to 30 days they will develop into delicious ripe strawberries.

5. Runner plants will develop from the original plants during the summer and fall. Allow each plant to form no more than six plants, and keep the rest removed. This will involve some extra work but is well worth the effort. This results in a spaced fruiting bed for the next season that will give tremendous yields of unusually large berries. If the regular type of matted fruiting bed is preferred, there is no need for runner control but yield and size are generally less in matted rows than in spaced rows.

6. In mid-August spread a complete fertilizer such as 10-6-4 directly on the plants when they are dry. Use about 1 lb. per 60 ft. of row and brush it off the leaves to prevent burning. A foliar fertilizer or any type of well-rotted manure could also be used.

7. During the winter a mulch of about 2 in. of straw should be placed over the plants when the temperature first reaches 20°F. This should be lightly raked to the row middles in early spring where it will help to keep the berries clean. If frost threatens the blossoms, it can be spread on the plants and removed after the danger of frost has passed.

8. Nearly any variety of strawberry can be used for this method but the plants should have the virus-free vigor provided by Rayner's registered stock.

In northern states it is best to plant varieties resistant to verticillium wilt in land where tomatoes and potatoes have recently been grown. Some excellent resistant varieties are Surecrop, Catskill, Premier, Robinson, Empire and Sunrise.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

Rayner's High Quality Strawberry Plants

These prices supersede all other prices of Rayner Bros. They include packing costs but do not include shipping charges. Several varieties cannot be combined to obtain a lower price. Full planting instructions are sent with each order. We do not sell less than 25 of a variety.

| | 25 Plants | 50 Plants | 75 Plants | 100 Plants | 250 Plants | 500 Plants | 750 Plants | 1000 Plants | 5000 Plants |
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| Early Varieties | | | | | | | | | |
| BLAKEMORE (V.F.) | \$2.00 | \$3.00 | \$3.80 | \$4.50 | \$8.75 | \$13.00 | \$17.25 | \$20.00 | \$97.50 |
| DIXIELAND (V.F.) | 2.50 | 3.75 | 4.70 | 5.60 | 10.95 | 16.25 | 21.50 | 25.00 | 130.00 |
| EARLIDAWN (V.F.) | 2.50 | 3.75 | 4.70 | 5.60 | 10.95 | 16.25 | 21.50 | 25.00 | 130.00 |
| EARLIDAWN (V.F.) | 2.65 | 4.05 | 5.00 | 6.05 | 11.70 | 17.20 | 22.85 | 26.50 | 130.00 |
| FAIRFAX (V.F.) | 2.40 | 3.65 | 4.55 | 5.40 | 10.50 | 15.60 | 20.70 | 24.00 | 117.50 |
| FLORIDA 90 (V.F.) | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.80 | 4.50 | 8.75 | 13.00 | 17.25 | 20.00 | 97.50 |
| MIDLAND (V.F.) | 2.65 | 4.05 | 5.00 | 6.05 | 11.70 | 17.20 | 22.85 | 26.50 | 130.00 |
| PREMIER (V.F.) | 2.20 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.90 | 9.65 | 14.30 | 18.95 | 22.00 | 107.50 |
| REDGLOW (V.F.) | 2.45 | 3.70 | 4.65 | 5.50 | 10.75 | 15.95 | 21.15 | 24.50 | 120.00 |
| SUNRISE (V.F.) | 3.00 | 4.55 | 5.60 | 6.75 | 13.15 | 19.50 | 25.90 | 30.00 | 147.50 |

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| Midseason Varieties | | | | | | | | | |
| CATSKILL (V.F.) | 2.35 | 3.60 | 4.45 | 5.25 | 10.30 | 15.30 | 20.25 | 23.50 | 115.00 |
| EMPIRE (V.F.) | 2.30 | 3.55 | 4.35 | 5.15 | 10.05 | 14.95 | 19.85 | 23.00 | 112.50 |
| FULTON (V.F.) | 2.50 | 3.75 | 4.70 | 5.60 | 10.95 | 16.25 | 21.50 | 25.00 | 122.50 |
| MIDWAY (V.F.) | 2.30 | 3.55 | 4.35 | 5.15 | 10.05 | 14.95 | 19.85 | 23.00 | 112.50 |
| POCAHONTAS (V.F.) | 2.30 | 3.55 | 4.35 | 5.15 | 10.05 | 14.95 | 19.85 | 23.00 | 112.50 |
| REDCOAT (V.F.) | 3.00 | 4.55 | 5.60 | 6.75 | 13.15 | 19.50 | 25.90 | 30.00 | 147.50 |
| ROBINSON (V.F.) | 2.20 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.90 | 9.65 | 14.30 | 18.95 | 22.00 | 107.50 |
| SEN. DUNLAP (V.F.) | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.80 | 4.50 | 8.75 | 13.00 | 17.25 | 20.00 | 97.50 |
| SURECROP (V.F.) | 2.20 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.90 | 9.65 | 14.30 | 18.95 | 22.00 | 107.50 |

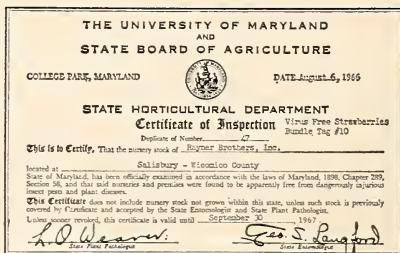
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| Late Varieties | | | | | | | | | |
| ALBRITTON (V.F.) | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.80 | 4.50 | 8.75 | 13.00 | 17.25 | 20.00 | 97.50 |
| ARMORE (V.F.) | 2.20 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.90 | 9.65 | 14.30 | 18.95 | 22.00 | 107.50 |
| FLETCHER (V.F.) | 3.00 | 4.55 | 5.60 | 6.75 | 13.15 | 19.50 | 25.90 | 30.00 | 147.50 |
| JERSEYBELLE (V.F.) | 2.40 | 3.65 | 4.55 | 5.40 | 10.50 | 15.60 | 20.70 | 24.00 | 117.50 |
| REDSTAR (V.F.) | 2.45 | 3.70 | 4.65 | 5.50 | 10.75 | 15.95 | 21.15 | 24.50 | 120.00 |
| SPARKLE (V.F.) | 2.30 | 3.55 | 4.35 | 5.15 | 10.05 | 14.95 | 19.85 | 23.00 | 112.50 |
| TENN. BEAUTY (V.F.) | 2.20 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.90 | 9.65 | 14.30 | 18.95 | 22.00 | 107.50 |
| VESPER (V.F.) | 2.65 | 4.05 | 5.00 | 6.05 | 11.70 | 17.20 | 22.85 | 26.50 | 130.00 |

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| Everbearing Varieties | | | | | | | | | |
| OZARK BEAUTY (V.F.) | 3.90 | 5.85 | 7.35 | 8.80 | 17.10 | 25.25 | 32.65 | 39.00 | 192.50 |
| SUPERFECTION (V.F.) | 3.50 | 5.25 | 6.55 | 7.90 | 15.30 | 22.75 | 30.15 | 35.00 | 172.50 |

V.F. "Plants referred to as "virus-free" in this catalog have been field grown by us from virus-free foundation stock furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, Beltsville, Maryland, and State Horticultural Department, University of Maryland. Our field-grown stock has been dusted with parathion to control aphids which transmit the virus diseases. It has also been grown at considerable distance from any other strawberry plants. Since viruses do not produce clear-cut symptoms in most strawberry varieties, but simply weaken and devalue the plants, no guarantee can be made that these plants are 100 percent free of viruses. Because of the measures that we have used to protect these plants from virus infection, we believe them to be substantially virus-free."

None of the Prices in this Catalog Include Postage. Please See Order Sheet and page 3 for Postal Charges and other Shipping Information.

We Will Be Glad To Quote Delivered Prices.



A Copy Of Our Nursery Certificate Is Sent With Each Shipment.

All of our plants are guaranteed. See page 3 for details.

All plants are graded to meet Nursery Association standards.



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BUY RAYNERS PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST



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IF YOUR ORDER AMOUNTS TO \$5.00 OR MORE, SEND FOUR NAMES FOR BONUS OFFER OF 25 FREE STRAWBERRY PLANTS!

Send us the names and addresses of four persons who grow berries or who have a garden and may be interested in receiving our catalog. We will send you 25 strawberry plants FREE. We must reserve right to choose variety of plants, but are sure you will be well pleased. Bonus plants will not be sent for less than four names or if order amounts to less than \$5.00 and can only be shipped with this order.

List Names and Addresses Here. Please Print or Write Legibly.

Please be sure to include Street Address or R.F.D. and Zip Code Number.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASERS

TIME TO ORDER—As soon as convenient after receiving this catalog. Late in the season we may be out of some varieties, but if you order early, plants will be reserved until you are ready for them. Be sure to **PLANT EARLY!**

TIME OF SHIPMENT—From November 1st to July 15th. All orders filled after July 15th will be at purchaser's risk. We advise spring planting.

SHIPMENT—Our strawberry plants are sold only in labeled bunches of 25. Almost any quantity can be sent by parcel post since they are packed in as many crates, of about 30 lbs. each, as necessary to accommodate your order. For orders of 10,000 or more strawberry plants or large quantities of other stock, shipment by rail express may be preferred. If express shipment is requested send only cost of plants as shipping charges will be collected at your railway express station. See page 3 for further details.

PAYMENT—Money Order or Personal Check with order, or if desired ¼ payment and balance before date of shipment. We Do Not Give Credit.

GUARANTEE—100% satisfaction or your money back. Claims if any, must be made within 30 days after receipt of goods. After 30 days and within 1 year we will replace at ½ the original purchase price. We cannot be responsible for conditions over which we have no control. At no time will we be responsible for any sum greater than that paid for the stock.

TRUE-TO-NAME—We use every precaution to have our plants true-to-name. Should any prove otherwise we will replace them or refund the purchase price.

REFERENCES—Union Trust Co., Maryland National Bank, Salisbury, Md., Dun & Bradstreet, your own State Experiment Station or State Department of Agriculture.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

CERTIFIED RASPBERRY PLANTS

This is the dependable certified stock which has been state inspected for freedom from insects and diseases and which has been proven dependable by many years of profitable production by thousands of commercial growers and home gardeners.

LATHAM RED RASPBERRY. See description below.

TAYLOR RED RASPBERRY. See description below.

SEPTEMBER EVERBEARING RED RASPBERRY

This excellent variety from the New York Experiment Station is truly a sensational raspberry. It produces a big crop of beautiful, high-quality berries during the regular spring season and loads more fruit during late summer and fall. Berries of SEPTEMBER are firm, free from crumbling, fine flavored, and wonderful for freezing.

CUMBERLAND BLACK RASPBERRY For many years its dependable production of fine crops of big, bright, midseason berries has made CUMBERLAND the favorite black raspberry. It has excellent flavor and quality and is fine for fresh use or freezing.

MORRISON BLACK RASPBERRY We recommend this variety because of its very large berry size, fine quality, and late ripening season. Plants of MORRISON are vigorous, large, and very productive. For home gardens and local markets these big, bright, black raspberries are a real favorite.



Prices of certified 1-Yr. #1 plants of Latham, Taylor, September, Cumberland, and Morrison. These prices do not include postage (see page 3 and back of order sheet).

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| \$1.35 | \$2.35 | \$3.50 | \$5.95 | \$9.25 | \$16.95 | \$29.95 | \$39.75 | \$49.95 | \$59.00 | \$78.95 | \$100.00 |

Now! Substantially Virus-Free Raspberry Plants

Produced under special growing conditions in cooperation with State and Federal authorities. The exceptional vigor of this stock can best be maintained by growing in an area isolated from both wild and cultivated brambles and protected from aphids.

LATHAM is the most widely grown red raspberry since it is a very dependable producer in such cold climates as Minnesota and North Dakota as well as the southern raspberry area. This variety yields big crops of large, firm berries with a delicious flavor. It ripens very late and thus provides berries long after the regular season. Latham has long been a standard commercial and home variety.

NEWBURGH is an excellent early-midseason red raspberry that is excellent for commercial production because it produces fine crops of very large, very firm attractive berries of good quality. It has vigorous, hardy plants of medium height and is less subject to mosaic infection than most red varieties. It is important to cut back the canes at spring pruning in order to allow proper fruit development.

TAYLOR is a late red raspberry that produces big crops of the most beautiful raspberries you have ever seen. Its berries are very large and long in shape and are especially attractive. They are firm in texture and have fine quality. The plants are so sturdy that they usually do not need support.

VIRUS-FREE BLACK RASPBERRIES

PLUM FARMER is an early black raspberry from Ohio that has long been a favorite because of its vigor, drought resistance and fine crops of large, bright, firm berries. The crop ripens rapidly and uniformly so that it can all be harvested in two or three pickings. One of the hardiest black raspberries.

DUNDEE is an excellent midseason black raspberry that is very popular for home or commercial use. Big crops of very large, glossy, firm berries that have a fine sweet flavor and excellent quality.

PRICES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY VIRUS-FREE 1-yr. #1 plants of LATHAM, NEWBURGH, TAYLOR, PLUM FARMER, AND DUNDEE RASPBERRY PLANTS. AVAILABLE IN SPRING ONLY. 3 for \$1.90; 6 for \$3.30; 12 for \$5.70; 25 for \$9.65; 50 for \$17.75; 100 for \$32.95. These prices do not include postage (see order sheet). See planting instructions sent with each order and Rayner's Bulletin No. 14 for raspberry culture. Also contact your Agricultural Extension Service.

Grapes

THE OUTSTANDING EASTERN VARIETIES

CONCORD—The Best Blue

This is the variety with the true grape flavor that has been the favorite for over 100 years. Unsurpassed for home gardens and commercial production. Ripens late.

NIAGARA—The Best White

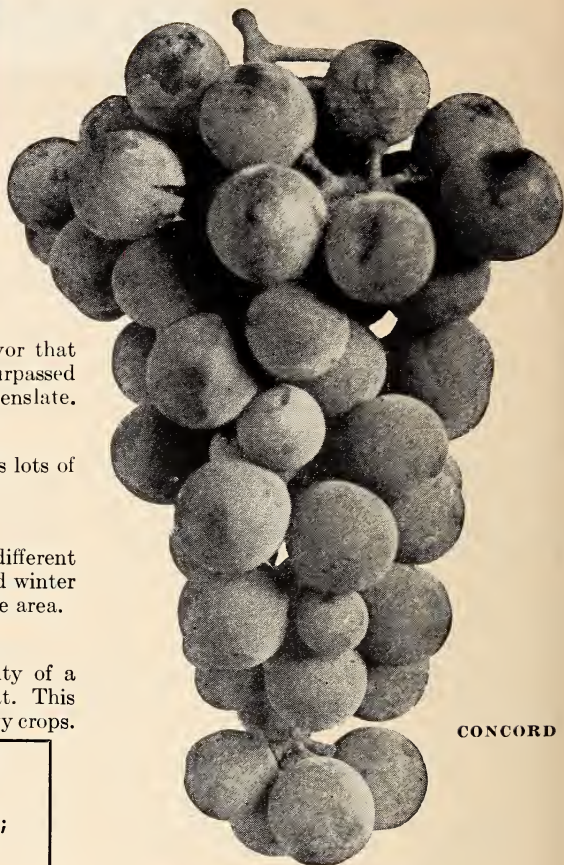
A fine midseason white variety that produces lots of beautiful clusters of large, excellent grapes.

CACO—The Best Red

When fully ripe CACO has a deliciously different flavor that makes it very popular. Its vigor and winter hardiness make it well adapted to eastern grape area.

FREDONIA—The Best Black

For a real flavor treat the wonderful quality of a vine-ripened FREDONIA grape is hard to beat. This excellent early black variety produces extra heavy crops.



CONCORD

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| PRICES OF 2-Yr. #1 Plants, Extra Large \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75; 10 for \$8.00; 25 for \$17.50, plus postage— see order sheet. | CONCORD, NIAGARA CACO, FREDONIA |
| | 2-Yr. #1 Plants, Extra Large \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75; 10 for \$8.00; 25 for \$17.50, plus postage— see order sheet. |

Illustration about two-thirds actual size

New! INTERLAKEN SEEDLESS WHITE GRAPE FOR COLD CLIMATES

This excellent introduction of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station provides eastern growers with the first high-quality, seedless, white grape. Clusters are large and the good-size, pale golden fruit have a rich, sweet flavor. Interlaken ripens about a month before Concord. Its vines are vigorous and hardy to about 20° below zero.

2-Yr. #1 plants; \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.25.

Rayner's Bulletin #14 includes details of grape culture.

New! RANGER BLACKBERRY

This excellent new blackberry was developed by Dr. I. C. Haut of the University of Maryland.



Plants of Ranger are quite vigorous and very productive with large, bright blackberries that are truly delicious when allowed to ripen fully. We recommend it for trial throughout the blackberry area.

Vigorous #1 plants, 3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.50; 12 for \$7.50; 25 for \$11.50, plus postage.

DARROW BLACKBERRY

Another fine introduction of the New York Experiment Station. During recent years Darrow has proven to be a dependable producer of big crops, of large, firm, high quality blackberries. Very vigorous and winter hardy.

1-Yr. #1 plants, 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$6.30; 25 for \$9.95; 50 for \$17.25; 100 for \$31.90; 500 for \$145.00. Prices do not include postage. See order sheet and page 3.

RAYNER'S Dependable Standard Fruit Trees

APPLES

- ✓ **WINESAP, IMPROVED STRAIN.** Beautiful deep red color. Vigorous, hardy, productive, early bearing. Rich flavor. Crisp, tender apples.
- ✓ **GRIMES GOLDEN.** A vigorous producer of excellent fall apples. Big, golden yellow, tender, crisp apple of fancy dessert quality.
- ✓ **GOLDEN DELICIOUS.** Heavy yielding, early bearing. Bright golden yellow, crisp, juicy apples. National favorite.
- ✓ **RED McINTOSH.** A leading commercial variety. Fancy red apples with white, tender flesh of high quality and aroma. Very hardy.
- ✓ **RED DELICIOUS.** Large apples of rich red color and excellent flavor and aroma. Uniform fruit. Tree very hardy. National favorite.

PEACHES

- ✓ **GOLDEN JUBILEE.** An unusually hardy tree unequaled for production of early yellow freestone peaches of exceptional quality.
- ✓ **HALE HAVEN.** A deep crimson freestone peach. Flesh is golden yellow, firm and of unusually good flavor. Strong, thrifty. Midseason.
- ✓ **BELLE OF GEORGIA.** Considered the best of white-fleshed peaches. Large size, freestone. Delicious flavor. Midseason.
- ✓ **ELBERTA.** Very widely planted because it is adaptable to a wide range of soils and climates. Most popular market peach. Late season.

PEARS

- ✓ **BARTLETT.** Leader for home gardens and market throughout north-eastern area. Large, golden fruit with excellent flavor and quality.
- ✓ **SECKEL.** A small, blight resistant pear of unusual delicious flavor. Hardy.
- ✓ **MAGNESS.** Big new blight resistant pear from U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Fine flavor, high quality, winter hardy. Requires another pear for pollination.
- ✓ **MOONGLOW.** Another U.S.D.A. blight resistant variety. Large, delicious pears ripen two weeks before Bartlett. Good pollinator and very hardy.

Montmorency Sour Cherry

By far the leading variety of sour cherry. MONTMORENCY ripens about early July, producing an abundance of firm, bright red, tart fruit. Rayner's trees are self-fertile and from virus-free stock that is extra vigorous.

PRICES OF STURDY, BRANCHED, 3-4 FT. ($\frac{7}{16}$ to $\frac{9}{16}$ INCH DIAMETER) TREES OF ABOVE STANDARD APPLES, PEACHES, PEARS, AND CHERRY: Each \$3.00; ten or more (any combination) \$2.50 each. Plus postage.

All of our trees are shipped "full length" but if notified we will prune them to proper planting length (see below).

NEW! HARDY APRICOTS FROM MINNESOTA

Imagine apricots so hardy they thrive in the cold climate of Minnesota. These two new varieties were produced by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station in 1961 and have proven their ability to produce fine crops of delicious, beautiful apricots in an area with winter temperatures down to 30° below zero. **MOONGOLD** and **SUNGOLD** produce trees about 10 to 12 ft. tall and are ideal for home gardens.

Sturdy, branched trees (2-3 ft.) \$3.95 each; 2 for \$7.50. Plus postage—see order sheet.

HOW TO PLANT AND GROW RAYNER'S HARDY FRUIT TREES

Below the Mason-Dixon Line fall is generally considered the best time to plant fruit trees, but in northern states there is too much danger of winter injury so spring planting is recommended. We do not guarantee nursery stock planted in the fall in northern states.

A hole should be dug that is slightly deeper and wider than the root system. Place fertile top soil in the bottom of the hole so that the upper roots will be about 2 in. below the surface. Next add more soil to fill in the hole, packing it firmly around the roots and adding water. Be sure to eliminate air pockets around the roots. Plant at least two varieties of most fruit for proper pollination.

Apples, cherries, and pears should be pruned to a main stem with two or three side branches, while peaches should be cut back to a single stem about 2 ft. tall. Maintain a heavy mulch of sawdust or other organic matter around each tree and wrap the lower stem with fine-mesh wire if there is danger of rabbit injury. In early spring apply manure or complete fertilizer such as 10-6-4 or 8-8-8. Use $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. on young trees and 3 to 4 lbs. on older trees. Write for Rayner's No. 16 Bulletin describing culture of fruit trees. Obtain spraying information from your State Agricultural Extension Service or County Agent.

DWARF FRUIT TREES

ORNAMENTAL—PRODUCTIVE—SAVE VALUABLE GARDEN SPACE

Trees Are Small, Yet Fruit Is Of Regular Size And Quality

No longer just a special feature of exclusive gardens, dwarf fruit trees are now available to all, and at reasonable prices. These wonderful space-saving trees are produced by budding or grafting regular varieties on special dwarfing rootstocks. Apples are usually dwarfed by use of the Malling root systems, and Quince rootstocks produce dwarf pears. Peaches are budded to special dwarfing root systems. Even though the trees remain much smaller, the fruit is of full size and quality. One outstanding feature of dwarf trees is that they begin to bear fruit when only three or four years old. Just the thing for home gardens where space is so valuable. Write for Rayner's Bulletin No. 16 on Culture of Dwarf Trees.

Dwarf Apple Trees

Sturdy trees on the fully dwarfing Malling IX rootstock. Trees grow to about 8 ft. tall.

McINTOSH. Especially suited to Northeast. Big, attractive, red apples with crisp, white flesh. Tender and juicy. Very winter hardy.

WINESAP. Long-time favorite red apple with sweet, juicy flesh. Very vigorous and winter hardy.

GOLDEN DELICIOUS. The queen of apples for beauty and flavor. Big golden apples of superior quality and unsurpassed flavor.

RED DELICIOUS. The national favorite. Large, bright red apples of outstanding beauty and flavor. Very vigorous and productive.

Prices of 2-yr. branched dwarf apples
3 ft. up, \$3.25 each; 3 trees for \$8.75
These prices do not include postage.



Dwarf Peach Trees One of the most attractive ornamental trees in the spring when it is loaded with beautiful pink blossoms. Then in the summer you will harvest an abundance of delicious, full-size fruit. These trees usually reach 8 to 10 ft. at maturity and begin to bear in two to three years. See page 21 for variety descriptions.

GOLDEN JUBILEE (Early)
BELLE OF GEORGIA (Midseason)

HALE HAVEN (Midseason)
ELBERTA (Late)

3 to 4 ft. branched trees, \$3.35 each; 3 for \$9.00.

Our prices do not include Postage. See page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge.

Dwarf Cherry Trees

EXCELLENT FOR FRESH USE AND ALL TYPES OF PROCESSING

NORTH STAR is a naturally dwarf hybrid reaching 6 to 8 ft. Very hardy and easy to grow. Fruit is of good size, dark red when ripe and has tart, juicy flesh with a small stone. Very productive. A fine tree for home gardens and small orchards.

METEOR is more upright than North Star but a definite dwarf. Fruit is tart in flavor, clear red in color and large size. Trees are strong and vigorous, hardy, and disease resistant. For best production, plant two varieties to insure proper pollination.

Well-rooted trees, 2 to 3 ft. tall. \$2.95 each; 2 trees (one of each variety) \$5.25.

Dwarf Pear Trees

Grafted to dependable Quince dwarfing stock. Trees grow to about 12 ft. Plant two or more varieties for pollination.

CLAPP'S FAVORITE. A large yellow, early pear of exceptionally fine flavor and quality. Trees are very hardy and productive.

SECKEL. Delicious, small pears. Vigorous and blight resistant. An excellent variety.

BARTLETT. Top quality, very productive. For areas where fire blight is not severe.

DEVOE. (Plant Pat. No. 728.) Large, elongate fruit with crisp white sweet flesh and good keeping quality. Trees upright and vigorous.

Prices of Dwarf Pear Trees:

3 ft. up, \$3.50 each; 3 trees for \$9.25

Plus Postage. See page 3 and back of order sheet for postage and handling charge.



Dwarf Plums

STANLEY. An excellent, very popular prune-plum for both home and commercial planting. Trees are vigorous and self fertile producing tremendous crops of large, purple plums with a golden flesh that is unexcelled for flavor when fully ripe. Ripens in early September in the New England area.

FELLENBERG. This old favorite variety is also known as German prune or Italian prune. It is self-fertile and very hardy, producing big crops of large, purple, freestone plums with a firm, sweet, delicious flesh. Excellent for fresh use, market sales, and processing. Ripens in September.

ABUNDANCE. This is a fine Oriental-type plum which is a favorite for home gardens. It is a dependable producer of big crops of bright red, beautiful plums having a yellow, tender flesh of unusually fine flavor. Trees of Abundance are vigorous, hardy, and begin to bear early.

BURBANK. A fine Oriental variety to plant in combination with Abundance. Its large deep red fruits are firm in texture and very good for marketing. Trees of Burbank are very vigorous and adapted to a wide range of climates. Requires another Oriental plum for proper pollination.

Prices of well-rooted Dwarf Plum Trees: 2 yr., 2 to 3-ft. size, \$3.60 each; four trees (1 of each variety) \$13.25, plus postage.

Jan. 14, 1966

Enclosed is a color photo of a Yellow Delicious Apple I bought from you last spring. This season it produced 7 beautiful apples.

ELIZABETH KOZERSKI, Rhinebeck, N. Y.



Fruit Bowl Special

- 2 DWARF APPLE TREES—Your choice of 2 varieties from preceding page.
- 2 DWARF PEACH TREES—Your choice of 2 varieties from preceding page.
- 2 DWARF PEAR TREES—Your choice of 2 varieties from top of page.
- 2 DWARF PLUM TREES—Your choice of 2 varieties listed above.

Total of 8 Dwarf Fruit Trees.

Regular Price \$27.40. Special Fruit Bowl Price \$24.95, plus postage.

EXCELLENT
FOR SHADE

NUT TREES

HIGHLY
PRODUCTIVE

FAST GROWING, EARLY PRODUCING

Chinese Chestnut

HARDY, BLIGHT RESISTANT

Here is the most popular of all nut trees. In a short time it becomes one of the most beautiful trees on your place, and you will look forward to each fall harvest of delicious nuts that are very much like American chestnuts.

Chinese chestnuts are highly resistant to the blight disease, very hardy, and will produce excellent crops of large nuts when only a few years old. The trees are vigorous and have a spreading shape that makes them fine for shade as well as for their crop. Plant two or more trees for cross-pollination. These are vigorous seedlings selected from highly productive trees that will begin to bear in 2 or 3 years. Hardy to about 20° below zero.

**PRICES FOR Sturdy, Well-rooted, Branched Trees
3 ft. or more in height. \$1.95 each, or \$1.80
each in quantities of 10 or more.**

Write for Bulletin No. 18 on Nut Tree Culture

Prices in this Catalog do not include postage. See order sheet for postage and handling charge.

March 14, 1966

Your chestnut trees are wonderful. I planted some 3 years ago and they bore some the 2nd year and this year I had many more. They remind me more of the old American Chestnut than any I ever tasted.

MR. JESS WITHERSPOON, Bluefield, W. Va.



Chinese Chestnut Approximately 2/3 Natural Size

ENGLISH WALNUTS

FAMOUS
CARPATHIAN
STRAIN

Hardy to 40° below zero

This is the exceptionally hardy Persian or English walnut that has become so popular in most of the northern states. Mature trees are said to be hardy to 40° below zero and still produce big crops of large, thin-shelled, meaty nuts.

These vigorous seedling trees are very dependable for consistent yields as far north as Minnesota. For good crops it is best to have two or more trees for proper pollination. Vigorous, well-rooted, seedling trees.

2 to 3-ft. size, \$3.95 each;
3 for \$10.75, plus postage.



TENDER, FRESH

ASPARAGUS

**From Your Own Plantings
Year After Year**

The best eastern variety for home and commercial planting is the disease-resistant MARY WASHINGTON. We sell only the famous Robert's strain, which is the best asparagus money can buy. It produces shoots of finest quality, more uniform in size, shape and color than others.

50 to 100 roots supply an average family. 200 roots will take care of canning and freezing needs, too.

A planting of Rayner's asparagus will yield loads of fine food for many years. Plant early in the spring in fertile soil to which about 5 lbs. of 10-6-4 fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. has been added. Spread the roots in a trench about 6 in. deep and 8 in. wide. Place plants about 16 in. apart and cover crowns with about 2 in. of soil. As plants begin to make new growth, gradually fill the trench.

Write for Rayner's Bulletin No. 18 giving full details of Asparagus culture.



ASPARAGUS PRICES—ORDER EARLY FOR SPRING PLANTING

| | 6 plants | 12 | 25 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500 | 1000 |
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| 1-Yr. #1 Roots | \$0.90 | \$1.60 | \$2.95 | \$4.50 | \$ 6.65 | \$12.95 | \$19.20 | \$29.50 |
| 2-Yr. #1 Roots | 1.50 | 2.50 | 4.50 | 6.90 | 11.75 | 19.70 | 28.30 | 45.00 |
| 3-Yr. Jumbo Roots | 1.95 | 3.40 | 6.00 | 9.00 | 13.50 | 26.50 | 43.50 | 75.00 |

Big 3-Yr. Roots will produce some stalks large enough for cutting the second year. These prices do not include postage. See page 3 and order sheet for postage and handling charge.

VICTORIA RHUBARB

For those who want vigorous, seedling rhubarb roots we recommend the well-known Victoria variety. These whole roots will soon become established and produce lots of long, tender, pink stalks that are excellent for home use. Gives best results in cool climates and in fertile, deep soil with a uniform supply of moisture. Prices of Victoria Rhubarb:

Strong 1-yr. whole roots, 1 to 1½ in. diameter: 5 for \$1.50; 10 for \$2.50.

HORSERADISH

This is the old-fashioned Maliner Kren variety that is very vigorous and develops such large firm roots. Grows best in moist, cool soils of reasonable fertility. If you like horseradish, you will surely want to try this excellent variety. A few roots will soon develop into a fine bed that will last for years.

Vigorous whole roots about 6 to 8 in. long: 5 for \$1.45; 10 for \$2.45.

**MacDonald
RED**

RHUBARB



RHUBARB is a very popular perennial where winters are sufficiently cold to freeze ground 3 to 4 in. A few plants well tended make an excellent supply for sauce and pies.

We offer the MacDonald Red variety because of its marked superiority. Matures earlier, sweeter, and one planting lasts a lifetime. Plant in spring, 3 to 4 ft. apart. Rhubarb culture is given in Bulletin No. 18.

Prices for Large, Vigorous Divisions
\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.70; 10 for \$8.00

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

YOU CAN REALLY SAVE WITH YOUNG TREES AND BE SURE OF GOOD RESULTS



Upright Yew

Japanese Yews (Taxus)

The Yews are in greatest demand because they do equally well in shade or sun. Leaves are broader than other evergreens, are not prickly, and have a flat, glossy deep green hue that remains all year around. Yews stand hard clipping and are of dense habit. Do well in ordinary soil and prefer plenty of humus. 8 to 10 in. size. See page 3 and order sheet for postal charge.

\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75

Upright Yew—Use at entrances, corners and for drive entrances.

Spreader Yew—Use under windows, around low porches or low foundations.

Be sure to specify Upright or Spreading.

Excellent for All Types of
Landscape and Hedge
Plantings. Very Hardy.



Spreader Yew

Cherokee Princess White Dogwood

A beautiful companion to the Cherokee Chief red dogwood described inside the back cover. This fine tree produces large, pure white flowers in great abundance. Trees are very vigorous, early blooming, and have an excellent branching habit. Hardy in most of the New England area. Sturdy well-rooted trees 24 to 30 in. tall, \$3.85 each.

Amur River Privet

A hedge plant completely winter hardy in the coldest states. Plants grow rapidly to make a fine hedge or windbreak. Leaves are small, dark green and very attractive. Vigorous, well-rooted plants 12 to 18 inches tall with 3 or more stems, 6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50; 25 for \$4.50; 50 for \$8.25; 100 for \$15.25.

Weeping Willow

For graceful beauty the weeping willow is outstanding. In most of the New England states, west to the Mississippi, and in the South it is a favorite for planting near river and stream banks, but also gives good results in dry land. This is the old-fashioned strain of willow that is so easy to grow and is very hardy. 3 to 4-ft. trees, \$1.25 each; 3 for \$3.00

See order sheet for postal charge.

WINTER
HARDY

AZALEAS

RAYNER'S SELECTION OF FINE
VARIETIES PROVEN ESPECIALLY HARDY

HINOCRIMSON. Brilliant red blossoms; hardy compact plant. Excellent foliage.

STEWARTSTONIAN. A fine orange-red Gable hybrid. Vigorous upright growth.

DELAWARE VALLEY WHITE. Large white flowers, fairly tall and spreading.

CAROL. Gable hybrid, with pink, double blooms; low, compact growth habit.

Field-grown, 3 yr. plants, 8 to 12 in. tall, \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.25.

For Good Results with Azaleas Follow Blueberry Culture and Plant in Shade.



Protects Your Property with an Impenetrable Thorny
Barrier. Excellent Bird and Game Cover.

Multiflora Rose

The primary use for Multiflora rose is to provide a protective barrier around fields and property lines of farms, estates, and other rural areas. After a few years this vigorous, thorny rose will make an almost impenetrable barrier that is a true living fence. It lasts a lifetime and needs no repairs. It will fence in farm animals and keep out trespassers. Very popular for conservation use to prevent land erosion. Multiflora rose grows well in nearly any soil type and is suitable for all but the most northern areas. Produces small white blossoms followed by clusters of red berries.

PRICE LIST: Vigorous, well-rooted,
branched plants

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| 25 plants \$4.25 | 100 plants \$13.50 |
| 50 plants 7.50 | 500 plants 39.00 |

See Page 3 and Order Sheet for Postal Charge

Write for Rayner's Bulletin No. 20 which includes culture of ornamentals and Multiflora Rose.

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IF YOUR ORDER AMOUNTS TO \$5.00 OR MORE, SEND FOUR NAMES FOR BONUS OFFER OF 25 FREE STRAWBERRY PLANTS!

Send us the names and addresses of four persons who grow berries or who have a garden and may be interested in receiving our catalog. We will send you 25 strawberry plants FREE. We must reserve right to choose variety of plants, but are sure you will be well pleased. Bonus plants will not be sent for less than four names or if order amounts to less than \$5.00 and can only be shipped with this order.

List Names and Addresses Here. Please Print or Write Legibly.

Please be sure to include Street Address or R.F.D. and Zip Code Number.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASERS

TIME TO ORDER—As soon as convenient after receiving this catalog. Late in the season we may be out of some varieties, but if you order early, plants will be reserved until you are ready for them. Be sure to PLANT EARLY!

TIME OF SHIPMENT—From November 1st to July 15th. All orders filled after July 15th will be at purchaser's risk. We advise spring planting.

SHIPMENT—Our strawberry plants are sold only in labeled bunches of 25. Almost any quantity can be sent by parcel post since they are packed in as many crates, of about 30 lbs. each, as necessary to accommodate your order. For orders of 10,000 or more strawberry plants or large quantities of other stock, shipment by rail express may be preferred. If express shipment is requested send only cost of plants as shipping charges will be collected at your railway express station. See page 3 for further details.

PAYMENT—Money Order or Personal Check with order, or if desired ¼ payment and balance before date of shipment. We Do Not Give Credit.

GUARANTEE—100% satisfaction or your money back. Claims if any, must be made within 30 days after receipt of goods. After 30 days and within 1 year we will replace at ½ the original purchase price. We cannot be responsible for conditions over which we have no control. At no time will we be responsible for any sum greater than that paid for the stock.

TRUE-TO-NAME—We use every precaution to have our plants true-to-name. Should any prove otherwise we will replace them or refund the purchase price.

REFERENCES—Union Trust Co., Maryland National Bank, Salisbury, Md., Dun & Bradstreet, your own State Experiment Station or State Department of Agriculture.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

Evergreen Seedlings

Rayner's pines and spruces are excellent for Christmas tree plantings. Seedlings that cost only a few pennies now will soon be worth dollars. Make poor land or hillsides produce a real profit. Ideal for erosion control, windbreaks, and hedges. For ornamental use plant in a nursery bed and soon you will have ideal specimen trees for your own use and for sale.

SCOTCH PINE

This is one of the best trees for Christmas plantings since it grows very fast and will reach saleable size in five years. Grows well in dry or moist soil and makes a nicely shaped tree with very little shearing. Our special French strain Scotch pines have a very nice blue-green color which holds well in coldest weather. Excellent for ornamental use.

AUSTRIAN PINE

Another popular tree for Christmas plantings or ornamental use. Will grow well in nearly any soil from sand to clay and will tolerate industrial smoke and fumes that kill other pines. Needles are dark green and quite stiff. Develops into nice bushy saleable tree in about seven years.

DOUGLAS FIR

This has long been a favorite tree for Christmas plantings since it has a naturally compact type of growth. With relatively little shearing it will produce high-grade trees. Needles of Douglas fir are short and have a blue-green color. Best results are obtained in soils that are not too heavy or poorly drained. Our trees are of the special San Isabel, Colorado, strain that is the best of all Douglas fir.

CANADIAN HEMLOCK

For graceful beauty the hemlock cannot be excelled. It produces short, dark green needles which give its long drooping boughs an almost feathery appearance. Only on large parks and estates should it be allowed to develop into its full magnificent size. But in restricted areas Canadian hemlock can be easily pruned to form a fine hedge, an excellent background or sheared specimen trees. Hemlocks are very easy to grow and do well in sun or shade.

WHITE PINE

One of the most beautiful of all trees with soft, slender needles having a fine light green color. White pines grow well in nearly any soil type and will give good results in poorly drained land where most other pines will not grow. For Christmas trees shearing is necessary, but in six years an excellent compact tree can be produced.

NORWAY SPRUCE

Norway spruce has long been a favorite specimen tree in northern gardens where its stately beauty cannot be excelled. But as a Christmas tree it is also outstanding since with reasonable shearing it will produce fine compact trees with a nice pyramidal shape. Prefers moist soils rather than dry land and will make a nice tree in about eight years.

COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE

A truly magnificent tree with an outstandingly different blue-green color. In contrast with other evergreens this blue spruce is most unusual and thus is highly prized for its ornamental value. This beautiful color likewise makes it a very desirable tree for Christmas use, bringing top prices. Gives good results in moist, fertile soil and requires relatively little shearing.

Prices of top-quality, 3-yr. Rooted Seedlings (Available March 15 to May 30):

| Fully Guaranteed • See page 3. | 10 | 25 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500 | 1000 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Plants | Plants | Plants | Plants | Plants | Plants | Plants |
| AUSTRIAN PINE (10 to 18 in.) | \$1.40 | \$2.70 | \$4.60 | \$9.00 | \$17.50 | \$29.00 | \$49.00 |
| SCOTCH PINE (10 to 18 in.) | 1.45 | 2.80 | 4.70 | 9.10 | 17.75 | 29.50 | 49.50 |
| WHITE PINE (8 to 10 in.) | 3.00 | 6.00 | 9.50 | 16.00 | 27.00 | 55.00 | 80.00 |
| DOUGLAS FIR (8 to 12 in.) | 2.50 | 5.00 | 8.00 | 13.00 | 25.00 | 41.00 | 65.00 |
| COLO. BLUE SPRUCE (8 to 12 in.) | 2.60 | 5.20 | 9.00 | 14.00 | 27.00 | 43.00 | 70.00 |
| NORWAY SPRUCE (9 to 14 in.) | 1.90 | 3.85 | 6.75 | 11.50 | 22.00 | 34.00 | 55.00 |
| CANADIAN HEMLOCK (10 to 18 in.) | 3.50 | 7.00 | 12.25 | 21.50 | 42.00 | 79.00 | 150.00 |

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Write for Rayner's Bulletin No. 19 Giving Complete Culture Information for Evergreens.

BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST

Rayner's FAMOUS BLUEBERRIES



Giant Berries Big as Nickels, Picked from Our 100-Acre Fruiting Field

HERE ARE THOSE AMAZING EXTRA LARGE HYBRIDS



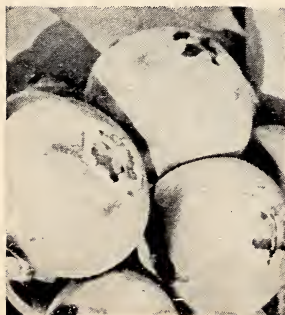
BERKELEY

MILD
SWEET

BERKELEY

MOST
BEAUTIFUL

This is our selection for the best of all home garden blueberries. It ripens in midseason, producing large, loose clusters of the biggest, most beautiful blueberries you have ever seen. Unlike some varieties, the flavor is good almost as soon as the berry turns blue. Plants of Berkeley are very vigorous and have an excellent semi-spreading shape and usually a heavy main stem. The leaves are very large and very attractive in summer and fall. For all but the most northern states, we strongly recommend Berkeley as an outstanding blueberry.



BLUECROP

HEAVY
PRODUCER

BLUECROP

WINTER
HARDY

This excellent midseason variety is another of the outstanding introductions of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Within just a few years Bluecrop has rapidly gained an outstanding reputation as one of the best of all blueberries for commercial production. It is very winter and frost hardy and can be grown in most of the northern states. Berries are large and maintain their size through the long picking season. Yields are very heavy and quality is good. The plants are fairly upright and have a tendency to develop several stems from the ground.

This past winter was unusually severe, causing direct cold injury to blueberries in some areas. In addition there were several frosts in late May which severely reduced the crop of some varieties. But Bluecrop proved its real value by coming through with a tremendous crop of excellent berries. This is undoubtedly one of the finest of all blueberries.

GROWERS' FAVORITE

BLUERAY

EXTRA VIGOROUS

This early variety includes as parents such fine old varieties as Jersey, Pioneer, Stanley, and June and is closely related to Bluecrop. It was released in 1955 by the U. S. D. A. and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Since then it has gained rapid acceptance as a commercial berry because of its unusual vigor and tremendous yields of large berries. Blueray has good winter hardiness, giving fine results in Michigan and the New England states.

December 6, 1965

The blueberry plants I purchased in 1959 are big now and surely give fine crops.

MR. EDMOND G. LECLAIR, Woonsocket, R. I.



BLUERAY

New! COLLINS

WONDERFUL FLAVOR

In 1959 this variety was released by the U.S.D.A. and the New Jersey Experiment Station. It is a cross between Stanley and Weymouth and ripens midway between Earliblue and Bluecrop. Berries are large, firm, light blue in color, and have a mild sweet flavor. Collins appears to have excellent prospects as a home garden berry because of its fine flavor, excellent quality, and dependable production. Plants are reasonably hardy and should give good results in most of the New England and central states.

November 15, 1965

The blueberry plants I have just received are excellent. The rooted cuttings of Bluecrop obtained in 1964 now have branches up to 24 inches.

MR. ROBERT W. ROBAR, Paradise, California



COLLINS

EXTRA LATE

COVILLE

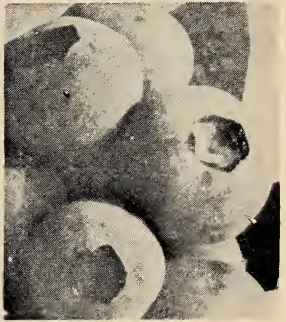
BIG BERRIES

This very late-ripening variety greatly prolongs the blueberry season. Under our conditions we begin to pick Earliblue about June 10 and Coville in early July. Berries are large and very attractive and continue to ripen for several weeks. Good flavor does not usually develop in Coville until after the berries have fully ripened, but allow them to remain for a week after turning blue and the quality can be very good.

April 21, 1966

We want to tell you how pleased we are with the blueberry plants purchased from Rayner's last year. They are doing fine and had a few berries the first year.

MR. LINCOLN T. BINGAMAN, Mertztown, Penna.



COVILLE

VERY EARLY

EARLIBLUE

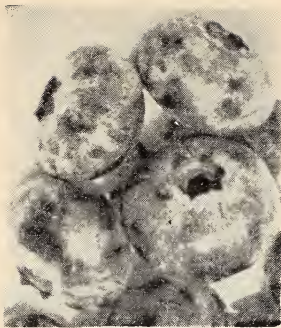
FINE QUALITY

This excellent commercial berry is about as early as Weymouth and has many fine commercial features. The berries are large and ripen uniformly in big, tight clusters. The picking scar is good and berries are resistant to cracking. Of special interest to home gardeners is the mild sweet flavor of Earliblue. Plants are vigorous and have fine upright growth. This variety has good cold resistance and has proven to be a fine berry for both commercial and home use.



EARLIBLUE

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HERBERT

**VERY
HARDY**

HERBERT

**BIG
AND LATE**

Herbert is very different in appearance from most blueberries since its fruit has a shiny black luster and a flattened shape. These extra large berries ripen late in the season in loose clusters and have very good quality. Bushes are vigorous and produce heavy crops. Of much importance is the winter hardiness which permits Herbert to be grown in most of the northern states. It is a good variety for home gardeners since it combines winter hardiness, large berry size, good production, and fine quality. Ripens about a week before Coville.

April 29, 1966

I wish to thank you for the excellent plants you shipped on my orders. The blueberries are in their second year and gave a much larger crop than expected.

DR. ARTHUR BLANK, North Chicago, Illinois



IVANHOE

**BEAUTIFUL
CLUSTERS**

IVANHOE

**UNUSUAL
FLAVOR**

Ivanhoe is outstanding because of its unusually beautiful berry clusters which look much like bunches of blue grapes. Another feature is the wonderful fruity flavor. However, this flavor does not develop until the berries are fully ripe, which is about a week after they first turn blue. The berries are very large and have a dark blue color. Plants of Ivanhoe grow very rapidly and have a fine appearance. And for flavor we believe that a ripe Ivanhoe is one of the best of all blueberries.

**BUY YOUR PLANTS DIRECTLY FROM THE GROWER
AND GET THE BEST FOR LESS**

See page 32 for Complete
Planting Information

PRICE LIST

Prices Do Not Include Postage.

See order sheet for postage and handling charge.

THESE PRICES ARE FOR BERKELEY, BLUECROP, BLUERAY, COLLINS, COVILLE, EARLIBLUE, HERBERT, AND IVANHOE

| Healthy True-To-Name Plants | One | 3 to 9 | 10 to 29 | 30 to 100 |
|---|--------|--------|----------|-----------|
| | Plant | Plants | Plants | Plants |
| 1-yr. 3 to 9 in. rooted cuttings..... | \$0.85 | \$0.75 | \$0.65 | \$0.55 |
| 2-yr. 9 to 12 in. field transplants (branched) | 1.75 | 1.65 | 1.55 | 1.35 |
| 3-yr. 12 to 18 in. field transplants (well branched) .. | 2.15 | 1.95 | 1.80 | 1.60 |
| 3-yr. 18 to 24 in. field transplants (well branched) .. | 3.25 | 3.05 | 2.95 | 2.50 |

**WRITE FOR PROMPT QUOTATIONS ON LARGER QUANTITIES
(Varieties may be combined to take advantage of quantity prices)**

Extra-Large Plants of Hybrid Blueberries 4 to 5-yr., 24 to 36 in.

We have a limited supply of big, 4 to 5-year plants of BERKELEY, BLUERAY, EARLIBLUE, IVANHOE, and COVILLE. They have already produced at least two nice crops of berries and are loaded with fruit buds for the next crop. But for good results with these large plants remove about half of the total top growth and allow only a small crop to develop. This will allow the root system to become well established and give best results in succeeding years. You will be amazed at the big, delicious berries these hybrid varieties will yield.

PRICES: \$3.95 each; 3 for \$10.95, plus postage. Be sure to follow instructions on page 32.

**NO MATTER HOW
MUCH YOU PAY**

You will never buy berries as good as the fresh harvests of your own locality. With "shipped-in" berries the quality and flavor cannot match the vine-ripened perfection right out of the patch. That's why more and more folks grow their own. Grow more! Save more! Have more!

**RAYNER'S
FAMOUS**

Blueberries

FRESH, FULL RIPE BLUEBERRIES ARE A FLAVOR SENSATION—WONDERFUL FOR PROFIT AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL BEAUTY. BUY YOUR PLANTS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRODUCER AND GET BETTER PLANTS AT LOWER PRICES. THESE ARE THOSE WONDERFUL IMPROVED VARIETIES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN SO SUCCESSFUL BY MANY YEARS OF PLANTING IN HOME GARDENS AND FOR COMMERCIAL USE. RAYNER BROS. OFFER THE MOST COMPLETE SELECTION OF THE BEST VARIETIES. FULL PLANTING INFORMATION ON PAGE 32. Other Varieties, pages 28 to 30.

WEYMOUTH Very Early, Large Size

Weymouth is a fine money maker since it is the earliest blueberry to ripen and brings highest prices. It is excellent for home gardens and a leading commercial variety. Berries are large, dark blue, and have a mild, sweet flavor. Plants of Weymouth are low-growing and very hardy.

RANCOCAS Early and Vigorous

Rancocas is an especially dependable variety since it has such vigor and winter-hardiness that it will grow in an unusually wide range of climates and soils. Its berries are sweet in flavor and form tight, attractive clusters; they are firm and fine for preserves, and freezing.

STANLEY Midseason Fine Quality

Stanley is one of our favorite varieties because it makes tall, vigorous plants that produce heavy crops of especially beautiful clusters of berries. The flavor and quality is excellent and thus Stanley is one of the best for eating "off the bush" as well as for processing.

CONCORD Midseason, Very Hardy

Concord is a nice home garden blueberry because of its combination of vigorous, hardy plant growth and beautiful, high quality fruit. The berries are of medium size, have a deep blue color, and are good for freezing. Concord is a dependable producer of big crops.

See page 32 for Complete Planting Information

PRICE LIST

These Prices Do Not Include Postage. See order sheet for handling charge.

BUY DIRECT FROM THE GROWER AND GET THE BEST FOR LESS

These prices are for Concord, Dixi, Jersey, Pemberton, Rancocas, Rubel, Stanley, and Weymouth. See page 30 for other varieties and prices.

| Healthy, True-to-Name Plants Plant Two Varieties for Pollination. | One Plant | 3 to 9 Plants Each | 10 to 29 Plants Each | 30 to 99 Plants Each | 100 |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | or more Plants Each |
| 1 yr. 3 to 9 in. rooted cuttings..... | \$0.50 | \$0.40 | \$0.35 | \$0.30 | \$0.25 |
| 2 yr. 9 to 12 in. branched | 1.45 | 1.35 | 1.20 | 1.10 | 1.00 |
| 3 yr. 12 to 18 in. well branched | 1.95 | 1.85 | 1.70 | 1.60 | 1.40 |
| 3 to 4 yr. 18 to 24 in. well branched..... | 2.45 | 2.30 | 2.10 | 2.00 | 1.80 |

Varieties may be combined to take advantage of quantity prices.

JUMBO Size Blueberry Plants—5 yr. 24 to 36-in. Plants

We have a limited supply of extra large plants that have already fruited for two years in the nursery and will bear lots of fruit this coming season.

The varieties available in this 24 to 36 in. size are: Rancocas, Jersey, Dixi, Concord, Pemberton, and Stanley. These are really beautiful plants and are certain to bear a crop. For a big crop in a short time, try these Jumbo plants. For good results follow carefully instructions on page 32.

\$2.95 each; 3 for \$7.95; 10 for \$24.00. SEE SPECIAL OFFERS, BACK COVER

PEMBERTON Midseason Vigorous

Pemberton is a very good variety for home gardens since it is quite vigorous, and a dependable producer of fine crops of very attractive berries. These dark blue, high quality berries are quite firm and have very good flavor for fresh use or preserves and freezing.

JERSEY Late and Sweet

Jersey is one of the leading commercial varieties since it produces unusually big crops of beautiful, high quality, delicious berries. Its plants are very vigorous and hardy. For home gardens Jersey is an excellent late variety and for profit it is an established leader.

RUBEL Wild Flavor, Late

Rubel is a selection from a wild, productive highbush blueberry. It has that wonderful flavor of wild huckleberries and is therefore a favorite for home gardens. Plants of Rubel are vigorous and very winter hardy. Berries of Rubel are medium in size and have good quality.

DIXI Very Late and Very Large

Dixi has the largest berries of any of the older varieties. The berry quality is good and the texture is firm. Plants are vigorous and have an open spreading shape. Dixi is a very heavy producer and ripens late.

Growing Blueberries

These instructions apply to Rayner's hardy, top-quality plants. Be sure to prune about half of top from large bushes before planting.

WHERE BLUEBERRIES CAN BE GROWN:

The varieties of blueberries we offer will grow well from North Carolina to Maine and westward to Michigan and Missouri. They also grow well in parts of California, Oregon, and Washington. For best fruit production blueberries require full sunlight. The best time to plant is early spring. Frost or snow will not harm newly planted blueberries.

SOIL ACIDITY:

One of the most important factors in successful blueberry culture is to use acid soil—a pH range of 4.0 to 5.5 is considered best. Many soils naturally have this much acidity, but in many areas where blueberries could otherwise grow well the soil is not sufficiently acid. For small-scale plantings this difficulty can be readily overcome. One of the best methods is to dig a hole about 18 in. deep and about the same in width. Mix half of this soil with well-rotted leaf mold or peat and then mix in 3 oz. ammonium sulfate fertilizer plus $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of cottonseed meal. Replace this mixture in the hole and set the plant properly, and you have overcome the main problem in growing blueberries.

DRAINAGE: Cultivated blueberries require a uniform supply of moisture but they will not tolerate poorly drained or soggy soil. Avoid heavy clay soil for large plantings.

HOW TO PLANT: If the roots have become dry in shipment, they should be placed in water for about an hour. Best results are obtained if about half of the top growth is pruned from the plant. This allows the plant to become established faster and better. It will rapidly make an abundance of new, sturdy growth. After the holes have been dug and the soil prepared as previously described, the plant should be set so that the upper roots are covered by about an inch of soil. It is very important not to set blueberries too deep in the ground, for they may make poor growth or die. It is helpful to water the newly set plant with a soluble fertilizer, using about one quart of solution per plant. Next the soil should be firmly packed around the roots and a mound of soil made around the edge of the hole so that the plant can be properly watered during dry weather. Rooted cuttings should be grown for two or three years in a bed containing lots of sawdust plus cottonseed meal and acid fertilizer. They can be transplanted as desired.

In commercial plantings blueberries are usually set 4 ft. apart in the row with 8 to 10 ft. between rows. However, in home gardens they may be arranged in any manner and can be pruned to nearly any desired shape. Blueberries are especially suitable for hedge plantings and other ornamental uses.

MULCHING: It is very helpful if a heavy mulch can be maintained around the plants. Any natural organic matter is satisfactory. Sawdust—new or old, oak or pine—also gives excellent results and we strongly recommend its use. However, when sawdust is used as a mulch, it is necessary to add extra nitrogen to the soil. For each ton of sawdust approximately 24 lbs. of actual nitrogen is needed. This can be obtained from 115 lbs. of ammonium sulfate or 72 lbs. of ammonium nitrate. This corresponds to 13 ounces of ammonium sulfate per bushel of sawdust or 8 oz. of ammonium nitrate per bushel. Any other type of fertilizing material could be used if the proper amount of nitrogen is provided.

FERTILIZING: We definitely recommend that blueberries should receive regular fertilizer applications. Use an acid-type, complete fertilizer early in the spring at the rate of about $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per each small plant or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. for large plants. Another application in early summer is usually helpful. Do not apply fertilizer in late summer or fall, since it may make plants tender and thus subject to winter injury. Cottonseed meal, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. for young plants and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. for old plants, is a complete organic fertilizer that is ideal for blueberries and most other plants. Ammonium sulfate, 2 oz. per small plant and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per large plant, is an excellent commercial fertilizer. About 250 lbs. per acre is recommended for large plantings. Half should be applied in March or April and the rest during May or June.

PRUNING: When first planted, about half of the upper branches should be removed. Then during each dormant season further pruning is required. Since blueberries usually make too much top growth, some of this must be thinned out or the fruit will be small. Normally it is best to prune out slender twigs, leaving the heavier stronger growth. Low branches should be removed as well as any weak or dead wood. Write for Rayner's Bulletins 3 and 18 on blueberry pruning.

YELLOW FOLIAGE: Blueberries are especially free of disease and insect troubles and thus do not generally require any spraying or dusting. The most common trouble is a yellow color of the leaves (chlorosis). This yellowing can be corrected in two ways—one is by making the soil more acid by addition of vinegar or sulphur, and the other is to add iron directly to the plant and to the soil. Yellow leaves will often become a healthy green color within a few days, after iron is added. We recommend iron chelate for this purpose. About 1 level tablespoonful in a gallon of water can be applied to the leaves and soil and will be of much help in improving foliage.

CROSS-POLLINATION: Since cultivated blueberries are partly self-sterile it is best to plant at least two varieties for cross-pollination. Any combination of varieties is usually satisfactory.

Crimson King Maple

Plant Patent
No. 735

The Crimson King variety of Norway maple has long been famous for its deep scarlet foliage which is so different from other trees. It has such beauty and excellent growth habit that it was granted a plant patent. The leaves vary in color from deep scarlet to purplish-red depending on growing conditions. This fine color holds throughout the season.

To improve shipping difficulties we are offering only the 3-4 ft. size which will get off to a flying start and soon develop into magnificent trees. This type of tree is especially dependable.

Your lawn will take on a new look of distinction when you plant your Crimson King Maple. We know you will always cherish one of these beautiful trees.

Vigorous, well-rooted, grafted trees,
3-4 ft. size \$4.95. Fully guaranteed.
Prices in this catalog DO NOT include postage.



July 28, 1966

In April of 1965 I set out some of your strawberry plants. This June I had a super bumper crop of berries—the best I have ever seen.

ROBERT W. PEABODY, RFD #2, Woodstock, Conn. 06281



CHEROKEE CHIEF



Cherokee Chief RED DOGWOOD

U. S. Plant Patent No. 1710

EACH TREE CARRIES THIS
PATENT TAG



At last there is a truly red Dogwood—not a pink; but a fine, deep red that is amazingly different. The wonderful new Cherokee Chief originates from a bud sport and is propagated by grafting on to a sturdy rootstock. Even the new foliage is a red color, and in the fall the leaves are scarlet. In late summer there is an abundance of fine red berries that add to the beauty of this excellent ornamental tree. Cherokee Chief is very vigorous and makes a fine tree with uniform branching.

It will grow in full sun but prefers some shade for best results. Hardy to about 10° below zero.

Sturdy, well rooted trees,
24-30 in. tall, \$3.95

SEE PAGE 26 FOR THE NEW CHEROKEE PRINCESS WHITE DOGWOOD.
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Order Rayner's Garden Specials for Money-Saving Values

Economy Garden

- 2 CONCORD
- 2 STANLEY
- 2 JERSEY

6 Top Quality

Plants, 2 yr. 9-12"

SPECIAL **\$6.50**

Quality Garden

- 3 RANCOCAS
- 3 STANLEY
- 3 BURLINGTON

9 Top Quality

Plants, 3 yr. 12-18"

SPECIAL **\$13.95**

Hybrid Garden

- 2 EARLBLUE
- 2 BLURAY
- 2 COVILLE

6 Top Quality

Plants, 3 yr. 12-18"

SPECIAL **\$9.95**

Jumbo Garden

- 2 RANCOCAS
- 2 STANLEY
- 2 JERSEY

6 Top Quality

Plants, 4 yr. 24-36"

SPECIAL **\$13.90**

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