

**15000 to 15210—Continued.**

what pointed at apex; bright reddish brown when ripe; the flesh 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines thick, rather tough, the dark-colored outer zone apparently much thicker than the white inner portion. Seed about three-fifths as long as the fruit, rather slender. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are rich orange colored.

It is one of the handsomest of the "dry" dates, and one of the most attractive when preserved, keeping perfectly its shape and its beautiful, warm reddish brown color. It has an agreeable, wholesome flavor, and can be eaten in quantity without cloying. It matures in October.

**15057. Towadant.**

Fruit said to be very large and long, yellow, and of good flavor, ripening at the same time as Fteemy and keeping well.

**15058. Tozer Zaid Khala.**

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long, three-fifths to two-thirds as wide; obovoid or oblong, broad and rounded at apex, not keeping its shape well when preserved; black when ripe; the flesh about 2 lines thick, very soft and sirupy, nearly black; the seed about two-fifths as long as the fruit, about two-fifths as wide as long; dark brown.

Less common than Tozer Zaid Safra, which it very closely resembles in appearance and flavor.

**15059. Tozer Zaid Safra.**

A third-class "soft" date; fruit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long, generally four-sevenths to two-thirds but sometimes only one-half as wide as long; oblong or oblong egg-shaped, widest near the middle, broad and rounded at the apex, not keeping its shape well when preserved; the flesh  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines thick, extremely soft and sirupy; nearly black; the relatively large seed about one-half as long as the fruit, two-fifths to one-half as wide as long, light brown.

Flavor characteristic, much appreciated by the natives. Generally eaten fresh, but sometimes preserved for a short time. Yields heavily. Fruit ripens in the latter part of October. Said to be one of the four salt-resistant varieties.

**15060. Tronja, or Troundja.**

A first-class "soft" date; fruit perfectly round, or nearly so,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to nearly 2 inches in greatest diameter; maroon to prune purple when ripe; the flesh  $\frac{4}{5}$  to 5 lines thick, very sugary yet firm; the seed very thick, six-tenths to seven-tenths as long as the fruit and about three-fifths as long as wide; much furrowed. The foliage is dense, the leaves wide, crowded with leaflets, and drooping gracefully at the ends.

The fruit, which ripens in October, is remarkable for its large size, the thickness of its flesh, and its globular shape. The short, very thick seed is also characteristic. The flesh is very firm and even somewhat tough, extremely sweet and very rich flavored, the flavor suggesting that of the Fteemy. Tronja dates can not be eaten in large quantities, as their richness soon cloy, but as a dessert fruit they are very promising.

**15061. Zrai.**

Fruit said to resemble Deglet Noor in color.

**15062. Zekry.**

A second-class "soft" date; fruit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to near  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long, about one-half as wide, obovoid, keeping its shape fairly well when preserved, bay to maroon when ripe; the flesh about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines thick, moderately soft; the seed about four-sevenths as long as the fruit, about two-fifths as wide as long. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are orange colored.

When perfectly ripe the flesh, altho rather thin, is soft and very sweet. The flavor is characteristic, suggesting both chestnuts and persimmons. Said to yield heavily.

**15063. Menakher (?).****15064. Menakher (?)****15065 to 15210.**

One hundred and forty-six unidentified palms of Mr. Kearney's shipment, which were planted in the Date Garden at Mecca, Cal.