

December or January. No care is given the crop after the sowing.

54290. 'Nang-dum.' A recent introduction from Cambodia. Of the floating rice group, this is the only variety which yields white, fine rice; it requires only a medium amount of water. The grain falls easily from the short head.

54291. 'Song-lon.' The oldest variety, extensively distributed from Cambodia. The large thick grains are in heads 7 to 9 inches long.

54292. 'Nang-Rum-Nho.' A variety from Saigon with a normal growing period of 120 days, maturing from December 20 to January 5, with a normal yield of 1,500 to 2,167 kg. per hectare (1,379 to 1,932 lbs. per A.).

*Persea americana* (Lauraceae), 54270 and 54271. **Avocado.** From Ecuador. Collected by Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer. Quoted notes by Mr. Popenoe.

54270. "(No. 626. Hacienda San Vicente, Ibarra, Ecuador.) Cuttings of Avocado No. 47. 'Tamayo.' The parent tree stands in one of the 'huertas' of the Hacienda about half a mile north of the house at an altitude of 6,100 feet. This variety, so far as can be judged by an examination of the parent tree, is either a very unusual Mexican, or else a hybrid between the Mexican and West Indian races. The fruit is of good size, about 18 ounces in weight, and of convenient oval form. It is fairly attractive, being smooth, with the surface light green, washed or overspread with maroon-purple at the stem end. The skin is not woody; it resembles both in thickness and texture that of such large-fruited Mexican varieties as 'Puebla' and 'Gottfried.' The flesh is cream-colored with a very few, inconspicuous fiber markings. The quality is very good. The seed is small, and tight in the cavity. The tree appears to bear fair, but not heavy, crops."

54271. "(No. 628. Ibarra, Ecuador.) Cuttings of Avocado No. 49. 'Egas.' The parent tree stands in one of the 'huertas' at the Hacienda San Vicente, about half a mile north of the house. This is a Mexican avocado, of much the same general character as 'Puebla,' but having a relatively smaller seed than the latter. The fruit is broadly obovoid, 8 to 12 ounces in weight and glossy maroon-purple when fully ripe. The skin is of average thickness for a large-fruited Mexican avocado; the flesh is devoid of fiber and is of good quality. The seed is tight in the cavity; in some specimens it is very small, in others, medium-sized. The parent tree is a very old one, and is said to be very productive."