

"The Quetta nectarine proves to be a large, handsome fruit with smooth skin. The tree is full this season and came through five winters without damage." (J. M. Bechtel, Hamburg, Iowa.)

"Has fruited two seasons; very hardy, strong grower." (W. T. Parrott, Clinton, Ill.)

"The Quetta nectarine grows nicely, bears every year; fruits very large and richly flavored; ripens in July." (Adolf K. Polansky, Lyons, Tex.)

"Has borne fruit the last two seasons and is very vigorous." (Elizabeth B. Riley, Rockville, Md.)

"One of the finest nectarines we have seen and the most fragrant. Very large; red over greenish white ground; sweet and delicious; clingstone; ripens in August; shy in bearing so far and very susceptible to leaf curl." (Tribble Bros., Elk Grove, Calif.)

In a note just received from J. E. Morrow, Superintendent of the Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, Calif., forwarding a package of the nectarines, Mr. Morrow says:

"You will kindly note that W. Harrison, County Agent of Yuba County, was here one year ago with Mr. Gregory, of the Gregory Brothers Nursery at Yuba City. They were very much interested in this fruit at that time and during my visit to San Francisco just recently, Mr. Harrison again called and stated that Mr. Gregory was endeavoring to secure budwood to bud enough trees to plant ten acres for a buyer in the vicinity of Marysville.

"Recently we were visited by Prof. W. F. Duruz, Instructor in Pomology at the University Farm at Davis. Prof. Duruz and his class spent a part of one day here. He stated at that time that I. E. Powers, of Vacaville, had about 200 trees of Quetta in bearing and that last year he sold them in the Los Angeles market at 10 cents per pound. He further said that Mr. Powers was highly enthusiastic over the Quetta for shipping purposes. Its thick skin and firm flesh make it an unusually good shipper for a nectarine." Following is a brief description of the fruit:

QUETTA NECTARINE, No. 34685. Fruit large, yellowish green, splashed and irregularly marked with brilliant carmine; cavity average size, shallow; suture shallow; skin smooth, tender; flesh yellowish white streaked with red near the pit, rather coarse, firm, juicy, sprightly, highly flavored and aromatic; pit large, cling. A fine fruit and good shipper. Numerous shipments made from Chico, Calif. to Washington, D. C., have borne the journey well. Season at Chico July 20 to August 1.

Mr. Morrow's description of the Quetta nectarine follows: "Tree fairly vigorous, producing extra large fruits with green skin splashed and mottled with red where exposed to the sun; stem cavity of average size and depth; suture well defined; halves slightly unequal; flesh light colored, juicy and of fine flavor; pit large, red, a cling. This we believe to be the best of all nectarines for shipping purposes. Its large size, firm skin and flesh make it particularly desirable."

B. T. Galloway.