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LA GRANJA

(IRRIGATED FARM)

ELTWEED POMEROY

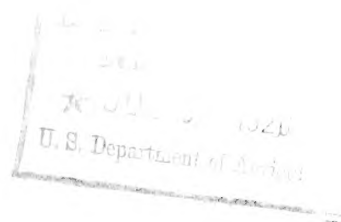
GROUNDS PLANNED FOR PLANTING WITH PLANTS WHICH GROW IN THE

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

DONNA, TEXAS

May 15, 1913

SPECIALTIES:
VINIFERA GRAPES
SOUTH CHINA PEACHES
ORCHID CANNAS
MEXICAN TUBE-ROSES
AMARYLLIS
CRINUMS



Gentlemen:

I now have ripening on my vines, upward of 50,000 lbs. vinifera grapes, Black Hamburg, Golden Hamburg, Flame Tokay, Malaga and a few of the great Dattier de Beyrouth. Unless something very unexpected happens, I expect to begin express shipments in a month and to ship one and perhaps two car-loads in JUNE. I will probably have express shipments till nearly August 1st.

These will be the first carloads shipped from the Valley and the

FIRST CARLOAD SHIPPED IN JUNE IN THE WORLD

Grapes can be ripened in the Rio Grande Delta from six to eight weeks ahead of their ripening in California. Last year, I had a much smaller crop because the vines were younger, but commenced shipping Black Hamburgs June 15th and ended July 6th and commenced with Flame Tokays on June 28th and ended about a month later.

The shipment of these cars of grapes will be not only an **EVENT**

In the Rio Grande Valley but also in the Fruit World of the United States

They will be picked and trimmed with great care, nothing but perfect fruit being sent. They will be packed in the regular California crate of about 30 lbs. There will be some double cluster baskets for the finest bunches and all of the baskets will be ribboned and each have a neat circular in it, thus making them most desirable. The cars will be pre-cooled and refrigerated. The railroad has promised to carry them thru in the quickest time possible.

Last year, the about a thousand lbs. of grapes I sent by express sold for just over 12 1-2 cents. This year, I have fixed an upset price of \$3.75 per 30 lb. crate net to me; how much more than that will you give me? Correspondence is solicited both on express shipments and the car-lots.

Sincerely yours,

ELTWEED POMEROY

P. S. For express shipments for near-by points, I can easily pack some as last year's shipments were packed, in the 4-basket tomato crate which weighs 16 lbs. and if those are wished, fix a minimum price of \$2.25 on them.



GRAPES AT LA GRANJA

DONNA, TEXAS

June 1, 1913.

I expect to commence shipping the first Rio Grande Valley grapes in about two weeks and to continue till August.

They will be packed in the regular 4-basket California crate holding about 30 lbs. and in the 4-basket tomato crate holding 16 lbs. Every 30-lb. crate will be ribboned.

I will deliver the 30-lb. crate anywhere between New York and the Rocky Mountains at \$6.00 each and the 16-lb. crate at \$3.75. I advise the larger crate as carrying better.

I have a few cluster baskets capable of holding bunches weighing 3 to 6 lbs. each. A 30-lb. crate of these extra selected, very fine bunches, will be delivered for \$7.50. All 30-lb. crates are tied with bows of ribbons and every basket has a circular in it.

Unless advised to the contrary, I will if possible give four varieties in each crate with the names on each.

While these will be packed with great care, I cannot stand damage from bad handling by the Express Company, but they promise good handling.

These prices are cash with the order. For near-by shipments I will fill in the space between the baskets with flowers.

ELTWEED POMEROY.

Next October and November, I expect to make a quantity of Roselle Jelly and will have it for sale. Also I am planting the fine Casaba melons and hope to furnish you with this luscious fruit around Thanksgiving and Christmas. What finer for a Christmas present than either? Write me about these.

