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**ANNUAL PRICE LIST
of SMALL FRUITS and
VEGETABLE PLANTS**

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GREENWOOD, - DELAWARE

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN.

To my patrons I wish to explain the reason of this very small list of Strawberry plants which I am offering for 1918. During the early part of the season of 1917 I found it impossible to secure help enough to put out my usual acreage of strawberries and do other work that comes with a rush at that season, consequently I have only a few leading varieties to offer this season.

However, I shall do my best to grow a large quantity of vegetable plants as usual, and solicit the orders of my former patrons.

Owing to increased cost of seed, fuel and labor, I have been compelled to increase the price of plants to some extent, but trust that my customers well understand the necessity of this.

Wishing my patrons a prosperous season.

Respectfully,

S. C. ATHERTON.

EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS.

Cabbage plants are a specialty with me and I try to grow and have for sale a constant supply of them from first of April until middle of August.

Seed of first early varieties is sowed in greenhouse January 1st. Plants are planted in cold frames middle of March and are usually ready to sell first of April. From this time on we make continuous sowings of seed in open field until end of season.

Varieties of Early Cabbage This Season:

Early Jersey Wakefield, Winningstadt, Henderson's Early Summer, Early Flat Dutch.

Price of Early Cabbage Plants.

Ready about April 1st to 10th, depending on season. Transplanted and hardened. Plants 50 cents per 100; \$4.50 per 1000.

Sash grown plants, not transplanted, ready about April 15. 40 cents per 100; \$3.50 per 1000.

Early plants grown in open field, ready about May 10.— 15 cents per 100; \$1.25 per 1000.

LATE CABBAGE PLANTS.

I grow and sell a large quantity of Late Cabbage Plants each season. Sow seed at different times so as to have a supply of plants at all times from May 20th until August. Will have the following varieties this year: Danish Ball Head, Late Flat Dutch, Autumn King, Surehead, All Seasons.

Price of Late Cabbage Plants:

15 cents per 100; \$1.25 per 1000; 5000 or more at \$1.10 per 1000.

CAULIFLOWER.

I will try to have plants of Early Snowball ready about May 15th and keep them in stock until July.

For late planting will have Veitches Autumn Giant. Ready about July 1st, until August 15.

Price of Cauliflower Plants.

Early Snowball, 50 cents per 100; \$4.00 per 1000.

Autumn Giant, 40 cents per 100; \$3.50 per 1000.

EARLY TOMATO PLANTS.

We start our Early Tomato Plants in greenhouses, sow the seed about March 15th and when plants are large enough transplant into cold frames to harden them and usually have them ready to set in open field May 10th. Tomato plants cannot endure frost, even when well hardened and should not be set in field until danger if frost is past, unless they are to be protected.

Varieties.

Spark's Earliana.—Now well-known everywhere. One of the earliest. Bright red, fairly smooth, although not as smooth as some of later varieties, medium in size and good quality. One of the best early varieties and popular with market gardeners everywhere.

Chalk's Jewell.—A good second early variety, about one week later than Spark's Earliana. Smoother, and better shape. A heavy cropper. Plant a very strong grower and continues to bear for a long time. Some prefer this for the early market.

John Baer.—This is a second early variety. It is a week later than Earliana, but is one of the finest tomatoes I ever grew. Medium in size, very smooth and solid, bright red in color, and remarkably free from cracks. Vine healthy and remains in bearing a long time. If I was confined to one variety for garden I should choose this one.

Prices of Early Tomato Plants.

75 cts. per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

We cannot send Tomato Plants by mail.

LATE TOMATO PLANTS.

We grow them in large quantities for truckers and canners. They are grown in open field, not transplanted, but good stocky plants. This season we shall grow these varieties: Stone and Success. Ready about June 5.

Prices of Late Tomato Plants.

25 cts. per 100; \$1.50 per 1000. They should always be sent by express. Plants ready about June 5th.

CELERY PLANTS.

I have a large trade in celery plants and ship them in large quantities over a wide extent of territory.

Varieties.

White Plume, Golden Self Blanching, Giant Pascal, Winter Queen and Golden Heart. Plants ready about July 10th.

Prices of Celery Plants.

Golden Self Blanching, 30 cts. per 100; \$2.50 per 1000.

All other varieties, 25 cts. per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

The high price on Golden Self Blanching is owing to the fact that the seed from this variety is imported from France and is very high in price.

BEEET PLANTS.

This year we shall try hard to grow enough for all orders and have them ready on time. Will grow same varieties as last year. Early Blood Turnip and Crosby's Improved. Plants ready about May 15. In stock until July 1st.

Price of Beet Plants.

30 cts. per 100; \$2.25 per 1000.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS.

Gold Skin.—This is the most popular variety grown in this section. A tremendous yielder, a bright yellow skin and yellow clear through, very rich and good flavor, not quite so good a keeper as some others but can be kept all winter when temperature is right. I can recommend this as one of the very best for market or home use.

Up River.—This is a comparatively new variety, yellow, does not yield quite so well as Gold Skin, but is perhaps a little better keeper and for this reason is preferred by some. It is also claimed by some that the variety does not grow so large and sells better in market.

Red Nansemond.—This is the best red variety that I know anything about, very smooth, good shape, medium size, and a good keeper. For those who like a dry potato this is the very best in eating qualities. It does not usually sell quite so well in the city markets, as the yellow variety, but for home use it has no superior.

Prices of Sweet Potato Plants.

25 cts. per 100; \$2.00 per 1000. If ordered to be sent by mail add 12 cts. per 100 for postage. Plants ready about May 10.

EGG PLANTS.

I have a constantly increasing demand for the plants of this delicious vegetable, and I grow and sell many thousand of them every year. This season I will have two varieties, **New York Purple** and **Black Beauty**, both very nice purple varieties. Black Beauty is a few days the earliest.

Prices of Egg Plants.

20 cts. per dozen; 75 cts. per 100; \$6.00 per 1000. Egg Plants ready about May 5th.

PEPPER PLANTS.

Ruby King.—The most desirable and popular of the large mild peppers and in great demand in the city market. It is a brilliant red color and grows to a good size.

Chinese Giant.—One of the largest peppers grown. Fruit very handsome in appearance, mild and sweet. It is pronounced by all who know it to be one of the best.

Price of Pepper Plants.

15 cts. per dozen; 60 cts. per 100; \$5.00 per 1000. Plants ready about May 5th.

How to Treat Plants on Arrival.

When plants arrive in a wilted condition, unpack them at once and put the roots into a bucket of cool water for an hour. They will generally revive and be in condition to set in ground.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

Palmetto.—This is the leading variety grown in all sections both for market and family use. Grows to large size and sells for highest price in the market.

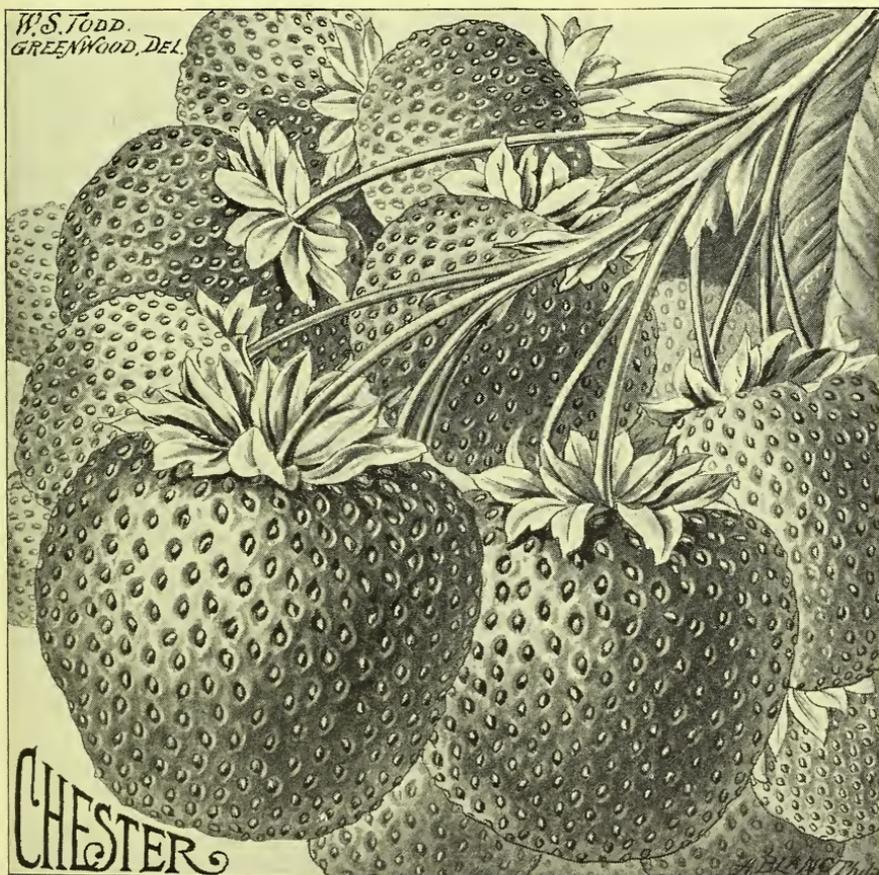
Giant Argenteuil.—A new French variety not so well known in this country but said by some to be larger than Palmetto. I have had no experience growing this variety except for plants.

Prices of Asparagus Roots.

One year roots, 30 cts. per 100; \$2.50 per 1000.

STRAWBERRIES.

The following list of strawberries is all the varieties I have to offer this season, but they are the very best varieties. I have selected from a long list. I have fruited them all and am giving a description from my own experience with them. I have a good stock of these varieties and they are in a strong healthy condition.



✓ **Chester.**—I offered this new variety for the first time last spring and sold a great many of them, in all parts of the country.

I fruited this variety on my farm last season, and I can truthfully say, it is a splendid variety.

It bore a large crop of large handsome solid berries, bright red in color, good flavor. Good shipper and in every way a good market variety.

✓ **Joe Johnson or Big Joe.**—This is one of the best berries on the list. Above medium in size, almost perfect in shape, very solid, bright red in color, and a good heavy bearer for so large a berry. The fruit is borne on long stiff stems, well up from the ground. Plants are very large and deep-rooted. Strong grower, dark green in color. A bed of Joe Johnson in fruit is about as handsome a sight as one often sees and it is a money maker for both near-by and distant markets. Don't fail to buy Joe Johnson.

✓ **Kellogg's Prize.**—This is a comparatively new variety, having been introduced a few years ago by Mr. Kellogg, of Michigan. It has now been tested in all sections of the country, and I have yet to hear anything but praise for it. I have now fruited it two seasons on my place and I have this to say for it: It is the best perfect variety I have ever tried. It bears immense crops of good size, very solid berries. It commences to ripen with Bubach and Chesapeake and continues to give good pickings as long as Gandy lasts. The plants are healthy and a very strong grower. It has so many good points in its favor that I consider it one of the standard and reliable varieties for all sections of the country.

✓ **McAlpine.**—This variety is one of the strongest growers of all. It will make good beds where many varieties would fail. It produces immense crops of fairly good berries. While it does not rank with Joe Johnson or Chesapeake in quality or appearance, it is a very easy berry to grow. For amateurs and those who cannot give much time in its cultivation, I would recommend this variety.

✓ **Glen Mary.**—This has been a standard variety for more than 20 years and needs no description. In the northern half of the United States it does so well that it still is a leading variety and by many growers is still considered the best variety in existence.

✓ **Sample.**—Another old established variety. Imperfect in blossom. Bears immense crops of large smooth berries. Its only fault seems to be that it is not quite firm enough for long distant shipment, but for a near-by market, it is hard to beat.

THE EVERBEARERS.

The Fall Bearing or Everbearing strawberry is no longer an experiment as they have been tried in all parts of the country. While they may not be a profitable crop to grow where one is a long distance from market, they will certainly bear plenty of berries in summer and fall, and no garden is complete without a few

of them for family use, and in all sections located near large towns and cities they have proved to be very profitable as a money crop.

Progressive.—With me this is the best of the Fall bearers. It should be set on rich land then it will produce plenty of fruit from July 1 until freezing weather and at the same time make a good bed of plants.

The fruit is only medium in size, about like Dunlap, quite solid and very sweet in flavor. Blossoms should be kept cut off until middle of June to give plants a chance to start growing, otherwise they are injured by bearing too much.

NOTICE.

Owing to the unsettled condition of transportation, during this season I cannot guarantee plants to arrive in good condition. Each customer must run his own risk of delay and loss in transportation.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

Cash is required with all orders, and remittances should be made by Post Office Money Orders, Express Orders or Registered Letter. One and two cent stamps received for small amounts.

Orders may be booked in advance, held a reasonable time and sent on remittance.

How We Ship: Unless otherwise ordered, we usually ship all orders by Express, but large orders can be safely sent, early in the season by freight. If for only short distances can send small orders of small plants by mail in perfect safety. Purchasers to pay transportation charges in all cases.

Mistakes. I very seldom have any complaint on this line, as all possible precautions are taken to avoid mistakes. Notify me at once if your order is not properly filled and I will rectify all mistakes.

Packing. I make no charge for boxing and packing. All plants are delivered on cars at Greenwood at prices given.

Time to Order: It is best for purchasers to send their orders early and have them booked ahead as I am sometimes sold out of some varieties before the season is over. It is also best to set strawberry plants just as soon as it is possible to prepare the

land as they will then live much better and transportation charges are then lighter than later in the season when plants have made a larger growth.

Lost Orders: Every order will be acknowledged by card at once, so if you do not hear from me in a few days write me again and the matter will be investigated.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

	By Express	
	Per 100	Per 1000
Chester, Per.....	\$.40	\$3.50
Glen Mary, Per.....	.40	3.50
Joe Johnson, Per.....	.40	3.50
Kellogg's Prize, Imp.....	.40	3.50
McAlpine, Per.....	.40	3.50
Progressive, Per., (Fall Bearing).....	.75	6.00
Sample, Imp.40	3.50
Superior, Per.40	3.25

50 at 100 Rate. 500 at 1000 Rates.

The price given for 500 to 1000 is for that quantity of one variety. Less than 500 of one variety must be paid for at 100 rates.

If Strawberry plants are ordered by mail send postage enough for 4 pounds per 100 plants, the amount depending on the zone.

STATE OF DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

Dover, Delaware, September 13, 1917.

To Whom it May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries, of S. C. ATHERTON, at Greenwood, Sussex county, Del., and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature, that may be transferred on nursery stock.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1918, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

