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Small Fruit and Vegetable Plants



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Greenwood

Delaware

DESCRIPTION

EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS.

Cabbage Plants are a specialty with me. I endeavor to have them for sale from about April 1st to Aug. 15.

My earliest Cabbage Plants are grown in greenhouses and transplanted into cold frames to harden. This makes a good hardy plant with plenty of root ready for open field about April 1st.

About May 10 I will have early cabbage plants grown in open field and not transplanted. These are good stocky, hardy plants, ready at a time suited for setting in the Northern States and at a much smaller price.

Price of Early Cabbage Plants.

Those grown in greenhouses and transplanted: 50 cts. per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.

Those grown in field, not transplanted: 20 cts. per 100; \$1.75 per 1000.

Varieties: Winningstadt, Jersey Wakefield and Charleston Wakefield.

LATE CABBAGE PLANTS.

I shall as usual try to have a supply of late Cabbage on hand, proper size to set, from June 1 to Aug. 15, of the following varieties: Danish Ball Head, Late Flat Dutch, Surehead, and All Season.

Price of Late Cabbage Plants: 20 cts. per 100; \$1.50 per 1000.

EARLY TOMATO PLANTS.

My Early Tomato Plants are grown in greenhouse. I sow the seeds early in March and when plants are large enough I transplant into cold frames. I usually have them ready to set in open field about May 5th to 10th.

Varieties.

I have tested many varieties and have found none better than the following three:

Sparks Earliana. This is one of the very earliest varieties known. Medium in size, and fairly smooth for so early a variety. While this is not to be compared to some later ones, I can recommend it for the very earliest. Every one should set a few of these for fruiting early.

Chalks Jewell. This is a good second early variety, very smooth and perfect in form. Ripens about a week later than Sparks. Plant quite strong and continues to bear for a long time. Fruit not very large in size, color bright red. Everything considered, this is a pretty good early variety for family or market.

John Baer. This is by far the best early tomato I ever saw. The fruit is perfectly smooth, round, and solid, does not crack open, bright red in color, ripens all over at once. A good shipper. Is about ten days later than Sparks Earliana. Vine a vigorous grower and remains in bearing a long time. Anyone cannot make a mistake in setting this variety either for market or family use.

Price of Tomato Plants: 75c per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

LATE TOMATO PLANTS.

This season I will grow two varieties, same as last season, **Stone** and **Success**. The plants are grown in open field and are not transplanted, but are good strong stocky plants. Plants will be ready about June 5th.

Price: 25c per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

CELERY PLANTS.

I do not grow early Celery Plants, but do grow many thousands of late ones, and ship them hundreds of miles by express and mail to my large list of customers.

Varieties.

This season I will offer the following varieties, ready to ship about July 10: Giant Pascal, Winter Queen, Golden Heart and White Plume.

Price of Celery Plants: 30 cts. per 100; \$2.50 per 1000.

BEET PLANTS.

This season I will offer only two varieties of Beet Plants: **Grosbys Jumbo** and **Early Blood Turnip**. Plants ready about May 15.

Price: 30c per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

SWETT 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 yellow variety, 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 this 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.

This season I will have the same two varieties of Egg Plants as usual, as these are the best varieties I can find, namely: **N. Y. Purple** and **Black Beauty**. Both are purple in color, egg hape in form and heavy yielders. Black Beauty is just a little the earliest. The Egg Plant is a hot weather plant and should not be set in open ground until settled warm weather comes; even then it requires some skill to transplant and start them growing, but after they start they grow very fast and bear until frost.

Price of Egg Plants: 20 cts. per Doz.; 75 cts. per 100; \$6.00 per 1000. 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.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

Cash is required with all orders, and remittances should be made by Post Office Money Orders, Express Orders or Registered Letter. 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.

STRAWBERRIES.

The growing of Strawberries has had its ups and downs in the past, like most other crops, but at present those who are growing strawberries for market are very fortunate as the market has been remarkably good for two years past, and the prospect is good for several years to come. Reports of \$1000 per acre income are not uncommon now, and \$500 per acre is not more than average last season for this section. While these extravagant prices may not last, it is sure to be very profitable for the careful and skillful grower.

The price of good plants must necessarily be pretty high while berries are so high.

Parsons Beauty. This is an old standard variety, has stood the test for more than 20 years, and is too well known to need much description. It is a heavy producer of large, dark red berries, quite solid, and very rich in flavor. Its quality is so good that it is in great demand for canning and preserving. Some of the canneries will pay a premium above all other varieties for canning purposes. Its only fault is that the foliage sometimes rusts, especially on high dry land. It does best on rather moist low ground.

Joe Johnson or **Big Joe** as it is sometimes called, is an aristocrat among strawberries. It is of the Gandy type and greatly resembles that variety both in fruit and foliage. It ripens about a week ahead of Gandy. Fruit very large and firm, and every berry perfectly round and colored all over at once. While it does not bear such heavy crops as some of the imperfect varieties, it bears a good crop, and what it lacks in quantity is made up in quality. The foliage is very healthy and upright in growth; does not make so many plants as most varieties, therefore the plants will not be plentiful or cheap.

Chester. This is a new variety that I introduced into this section three years ago. It is a large fancy berry, somewhat irregular in form, quite solid, a good heavy cropper and No. 1 quality; ripens a week before Gandy. Plant is not an extra strong grower and requires rich ground to make heavy beds. Foliage is perfectly healthy and very handsome in appearance. I recommend this variety either for market or family use.

Progressive. After trying most of the Fall bearing varieties I have discarded all but Progressive. It is by far the best of them all. It commences to bear in July the same season that

the plants are set and continues to bear until frost. For best results the blossoms should be kept cut off until the plants get a good start, about July 1st. It requires very rich soil to do its best. The fruit is only medium in size but its quality is very fine. This is no longer a novelty but a standard known variety.

Superior. This is an old well tried variety. It has been the standard for this section for more than 20 years, and there are still more Superior grown here than all other varieties together. It produces an immense crop of very handsome medium size, solid fruit which ships well and sells well and brings lots of money per acre. Plant is very strong and healthy, in fact it is one of the easiest varieties to grow. Don't fail to set Superior for home use or market.

Glen Mary. This is one of the best known varieties in existence and a favorite in all the northern States. It don't need any description as it has been in cultivation over a wide extent of territory for more than 20 years. I have a nice stock of plants of this variety.

Lupton. This is a new variety of great value. It is very much like Gandy in size and appearance of fruit, also foliage resembles that of Gandy. It ripens a week earlier than Gandy and will sell for as much as Gandy. Last season Lupton berries sold right along in our market here for \$10.00 per 32-qt. crate. One can easily see what an acre of Lupton berries would bring even at one-half of these prices. It makes a very large plant and while it is a good strong grower, the plants are so large that it will not make half as many per acre as most varieties.

Sample. This is another of the old well-known varieties. Has imperfect bloom, and like most imperfect varieties bears an immense crop. The fruit is very round, smooth, and perfect in form; quite large, quality good. Only medium solid. The strongest point is the immense crop that it produces and the ease with which a crop can be grown.

Kellogg Prize. This is another imperfect variety, that bears very heavy crops of large, somewhat irregular berries, quite solid, but quality is only ordinary. Ripens a few days earlier than Gandy, and continues to bear as long as Gandy. The plant is very large and a strong healthy grower. The strongest point in favor of this variety is its heavy bearing quality and good size. While not a fancy berry, its large size and bright color cause it to sell fairly well.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

| | By Express | |
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| | Per 100 | Per 1000 |
| Chester, Per. | \$.75 | \$6.00 |
| Glen Mary, Per. | .75 | 6.00 |
| Lupton, Per. | 1.00 | 8.00 |
| Parsons Beauty, Per. | .75 | 6.00 |
| Progressive, Per. | 1.20 | 10.00 |
| Joe Johnson, Per. | .75 | 6.00 |
| Kellogg's Prize, Imp. | .75 | 6.00 |
| Superior, Per. | .60 | 5.00 |
| Sample, Imp. | .75 | 6.00 |

50 at Hundred Rates; 500 at Thousand Rates.

STATE OF DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE Certificate of Nursery Inspection

Dover, Delaware, October 28, 1919.

To Whom it May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries of Samuel C. Atherton at Greenwood, Sussex county, Delaware, 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, 1920, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State of Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

FARM FOR SALE.

My 60 acre truck farm, 50 acres in cultivation and 10 acres in woodland and timber. Land is a clay loam. Will grow large crops of corn, wheat, hay, potatoes, strawberries and anything that grows in the temperate zone.

Has a valuable young apple orchard of nearly 400 trees, which is paying handsomely.

Buildings consist of modern 9-room dwelling, nearly new, with bath, hot and cold water. Good barn, nearly new. 5-room tenant house. Greenhouse, 40x75, with hot water heat.

This farm is 1½ miles from hustling town with two railroads and all conveniences.

Price \$8500. Worth much more.

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