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Small Fruit Plants

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AROM the Green Mountains of Vermont, where insect enemies and plant diseases are less prevalent; where the warm sunshine and plentiful rains of summer combine with a fertile soil to produce vigorous plants, and where the cold northern winters necessitate the growing of only hardy varieties. Remember this, all varieties listed herein are hardy in Vermont.

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GEO. D. AIKEN

PUTNEY

VERMONT

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READ THIS PAGE BEFORE ORDERING

GUARANTEE: I guarantee all plants sold by me to be true to name, and should any prove to be untrue, I will replace same free of charge or refund the money at any time within two years. I also guarantee all plants to be free of crown gall or other injurious diseases.

DISCOUNT: As an inducement for early orders I will give a discount of **10 per cent** on orders received in February, **5 per cent** on orders received during March, but all prices are **net** after April 1st. Orders are filled in the order they are received, and it is only natural that the first orders are filled with the best stock.

C. O. D. SHIPMENTS: If anyone wishes to take advantage of the discount offered for early orders, but cannot send the entire amount, he may send 25 per cent with the order and the plants will be sent by express C. O. D. at the proper time.

ABOUT SHIPPING. It is advisable to have practically all plants shipped by express. If wanted by parcel post, add 10 cents for each 100 strawberries or 25 raspberries. Freight shipments are extremely hazardous, unless you live on a direct road to Putney.

HOW TO REMIT: Remit by money order, bank draft, registered letter or personal check. Postage stamps accepted for amounts less than one dollar.

IN REGARD TO PRICES: While my prices are more reasonable than most nurserymen's, they are not lowered at the expense of the quality of the stock sent out. Some concerns spend over \$100,000 a year on high priced advertising and catalogs and *their customers pay the bills*. If in doubt as to my reliability ask the Horticultural Department of any New England Agricultural College.

**CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION
WITH PERMIT TO SHIP**

Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

July 25, 1916.

This is to certify that I have this day carefully examined the nurseries and grounds of *Geo. D. Aiken, Putney, Vermont*, and find no evidence of San Jose Scale or other noxious insect or injurious disease likely to be transmitted to nursery stock.

Signed *M. B. Cummings*, STATE NURSERY INSPECTOR.

RASPBERRIES

CUTHBERT. The old standard variety that has stood the test of years. Berries late, large and finest quality. If in doubt plant Cuthbert. I have about 200,000 splendid plants; 50c for 25, \$1.25 per 100, \$8.00 per 1,000.

MARLBORO. This is the standard early berry and a money maker. Not so heavy a cropper as Cuthbert but the berries usually bring more in market because of their earliness and large size. Prices same as Cuthbert.

RUBY. Very similar to its parent, the Marlboro. With us it is a little less vigorous and the fruit is less apt to crumble. Prices same as Cuthbert.

HERBERT. An extremely popular variety that is displacing Cuthbert in some sections. Claimed to be very hardy in the coldest parts of the country. Bush very vigorous and immensely productive. Canes thorny. Berries of immense size and of best quality. I recommend Herbert to every one. Supply of plants short. 25 for 75c, \$1.75 per 100, \$14.00 per 1,000.

IDAHO. Absolutely hardy. The largest berry and heaviest yielding of all raspberries. Has yielded 5,000 quarts per acre with us. Is not planted largely because of the acidity of the fruit and tendency to rot on the bushes. Should be very valuable for jam and jellies and is recommended for extremely cold sections. Prices same as Herbert.

GOLDEN QUEEN. Exactly like Cuthbert except in color. Prices same as Herbert.

ST. REGIS. The much-advertised fall-bearer. Not recommended for Northern New England. Planted largely in New Jersey. 25 for 50c, \$1.50 per 100, \$11.00 per 1,000.

JUNE. Originated by the Geneva Experiment Station. Plant beautiful, vigorous and thornless. Very hardy. Claimed to be the earliest commercial variety. With us it is exceedingly productive of firm, large, fair quality fruit. 10c each, \$1.00 per 25, \$3.50 per 100.

COLUMBIAN. The most popular purple variety. Very productive and vigorous. Berries large, soft, and of good quality. 25 for 75c, \$1.50 per 100, \$11.00 per 1,000.

ROYAL PURPLE. A new purple variety. Later than Columbian. Bush vigorous and erect. Berries good quality and firm. A better shipper than Columbian. Purple raspberries are planted largely for canning. 25 for 75c, \$1.75 per 100, \$14.00 per 1,000.

PLUM FARMER. An early black cap of finest quality, vigorous and productive. Very sweet. 75c for 25, \$1.75 per 100.

CUMBERLAND. Best late black cap. Berries jet black and quality excellent. Prices same as Plum Farmer.

BLACKBERRIES

ELDORADO is the earliest blackberry of good quality. Bush moderately vigorous and very thorny. Berries, sweetest of all blackberries and very large under good cultivation. The ideal blackberry for home use and brings highest price in market. 75c for 25, \$2.00 per 100, \$15.00 per 1,000.

SNYDER. The berry to plant for profit. Anyone can raise it anywhere. Immune to winter injury. Exceedingly productive. Berries, medium to large and fair quality. Midseason. 50c for 25, \$1.50 per 100, \$12.00 per 1,000.

BLOWERS. The largest blackberry. Canes grow from six to nine feet high and berries as large proportionately. Begins ripening in middle of August and ripens continuously till October 1. I consider Blowers the most valuable late variety. 75c for 25, \$1.75 per 100, \$14.00 per 1,000.

UNKNOWN VARIETY. This unknown variety is a large, late blackberry of good quality. Probably Mersereau. We have about 15,000 plants and are making the price right. 50c for 25, \$1.25 per 100, \$10.00 per 1,000.

LUCRETIA DEWBERRY. Very large. Ripens in July. Tip plants. 75c for 25, \$2.00 per 100.

AUSTIN (Mayers) DEWBERRY. Earliest and sweetest. 75c for 25, \$2.00 per 100.

GOOSEBERRIES

DOWNING. Best quality of all gooseberries. Good size and sweet. Color, green. \$1.00 for 10, \$2.00 for 25, \$7.00 per 100.

RED JACKET. Large size and attractive. Color, pale red. Prices same as for Downing.

CURRANTS

RED CROSS. One of the sweetest varieties. Fruit large. Early. Bush bears well very young. 10 for 75c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$4.00, 1,000 for \$30.00.

CHERRY. An old standard. Fruit large and attractive. A safe variety to plant. Prices same as for Red Cross.

WILDER. Bush upright and very vigorous. Fruit large and borne in long clusters. One of the best and most popular commercial varieties. Prices same as Red Cross.

STRAWBERRIES

SENATOR DUNLAP. An all around variety. Does well anywhere. Anyone can grow it. Early, productive, and good quality. 25c for 25, 60c per 100, \$4.50 per 1,000.

MARSHALL. The highest quality. Needs special care. 25c for 25, 75c per 100.

CHESAPEAKE. A fancy, high quality berry. Makes few runners. . 25c for 25, 75c per 100, \$5.00 per 1,000.

McALPIN. Very large light red berry of finest quality. Excellent for home gardens. Late. 25c for 25, 75c per 100, \$5.00 per 1,000.

FIRST QUALITY. A long, sweet, late variety of high quality. Prices same as McAlpin.

SAMPLE. The one big commercial berry in our section. Immensely productive. Uniform large size and holds up till end of season. Should be interplanted with Chesapeake or other perfect flowering variety. We have a nice stock of plants. 25c for 25, 60c per 100, \$4.50 per 1,000.

GRAPES

Concord, Moore's Early, Worden, Niagara. 10c each, 90c for 10, \$6.00 per 100.

Delaware, Campbell's Early, Green Mountain, 25c each, \$2.00 per 10.

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

PROGRESSIVE. This is the variety that made this type of strawberries famous. The plant should be set very early in the spring to insure success. Three fourths of the failures are caused by late planting. All blossoms should be picked off till July at least for best results. Plants will begin bearing in August and during September and October a good crop may be depended on if the plants have had a good start. The berries resemble Dunlap and are of fine quality. These same plants will bear the next summer and fall but after that it is best to set a new bed. **Plant Progressive early.** 75c for 25, \$1.75 per 100, \$12.00 per 1,000.

SUPERB. Is much larger than Progressive but does not bear as much in the fall. Superb is one of the best summer croppers and is worth planting for this alone. Prices same as Progressive.

APPLE TREES

I have a few hundred each of largest size two-year McIntosh and R. I. Greening; strong, healthy trees. While they last, 25c each, \$2.00 per 10, \$14.00 per 100.

NUMBER OF PLANTS REQUIRED PER ACRE.

Kind of plant.	Distance to set.	No. required.
Red Raspberries,	3 x 6 ft.	2400
Black Raspberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Purple Raspberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Blackberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Currants,	4 x 6 ft.	1800
Gooseberries,	4 x 6 ft.	1800
Strawberries,	1½ x 4 ft.	7250
Grapes,	8 x 8 ft.	675

All plants listed will be sold 50 or more of one variety at 100 rates; 500 or more of one variety at 1000 rates.

From Satisfied Customers

Penobscot, Me., May 17, 1916.

Plants received in due time and they are fine. Should have sent you word before, but have been busy.

Burton L. Wardwell.

Norwich, Vt., May 22, 1916.

Mr. George D. Aiken,
Putney, Vt.

Dear Sir:—I enclose P. O. order for \$10.75. The plants were all right every way and liberal count besides. Thanking you very much, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

C. L. Russell.

THE HEIGHTS
Middlebury, Vermont

May 11, 1916.

Dear Sir:—

The bushes came in fine condition, and were splendid ones, the best I have ever bought, and if they don't grow it certainly won't be because there is anything wrong with the bushes. Thank you for sending such fine stock.

Very truly yours,

Jessie Louise Noble.

(Mrs. D. C. Noble.)

Dorchester, N. H., July 12, 1916.

Mr. George D. Aiken,
Putney, Vt.

Dear Sir:—I believe that it is customary to raise a howl when a person buys plants and they are not satisfactory. When a person is not only satisfied, but very much pleased with plants purchased, why not tell the grower as quickly as though he had a kick coming? Every plant I got of you last May is thriving, except one raspberry, and that died, but through no fault of yours. The strawberry plants have some nice fruit on them, just getting ripe, and they have thrown out runners, some as much as two feet. You certainly gave me some excellent plants. I am particularly well pleased with the "Superb" strawberries, and if you think they would get through all right, I would set a hundred or more this fall, on ground where I have peas and beans. Do you advise picking off blossoms year plants are set? Some of the raspberry plants are in blossom now. Once more I thank you for your fair treatment.

Yours truly,

C. O. Tilton.

Remember the Discount

10% on orders received during February, 5% on orders received during March and **None** after April 1st. :: ::

