

REMARKS ABOUT VARIETIES

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The 1971-72 crop of nuts have matured late; trees have blossomed very late. Until this year I thought the variety 246 was best because of uniform size of nuts, few culls, and consistent quality, but it is apparent now that this variety can have an off-year. Elimbah, Burdick and Beaumont, on the other hand, appear to have a heavy set.

I have 29 bearing Beaumonts and I am a bit disappointed about the alternate bearing, wide variation in size, — fine big nuts one year and many small to too small the next year.

I have Elimbah, 246, Burdick, and Beaumont trees. The following is my estimate of these varieties.

ELIMBAH — good flavor, tricky to toast, close to 50% crackout, easy to hull, nuts uniform, twin and split nuts frequent, no evidence of alternate bearing, heavy bearer, slow growing, easiest of all to crack.

246 — fine flavor, about 30% crackout, hard to hull, size of nuts uniform, some indication of alternate bearing, not a heavy bearer, speed of growth fair, trees healthy, shell thick.

BURDICK — flavor good raw, flavor good toasted, 35 to 40% crackout, easy to hull, no evidence of alternate bearing, fairly heavy bearer, size of nut varies, trees erratic in health and growth, thick shell but not too hard to crack.

BEAUMONT — fine flavor, 35 to 40% crackout, fairly easy to hull, nuts variable in size, culls frequent, alternate bearing, heavy bearer, fast growing, shell moderately thick.

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