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Register Your Seedling Subtropicals

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The Board of Directors of the California Avocado Society have recognized the need of some organization assuming the responsibility for making a study of subtropical fruits and nuts, systematically recording their names and the history of their origin. A committee chairman has been newly appointed to carry on this most important work. Members of his committee will be chosen from experts from all parts of the state. Fruits will be tested and tasted by these men and only those with true merit will be registered. Where possible, chemical tests will be made to determine their sugar or oil content or other factors which might have a bearing on their value as commercial or home varieties.

California has long been an international settlement for subtropical fruits. The choicest of these fruits have wandered into this state from all parts of the world. From this great horticultural melting pot are emerging seedlings possessing the best characteristics of both parents. Although these parents may both be aliens from divergent and distant places, their youngsters are true Californians and as such are entitled to all the privileges of citizenship, among which is the right to bear the name given them by their original propagator.

Anyone having a superior seedling of any of the tropical or subtropical fruits or nuts may submit samples to the committee for its consideration. Specimens of fruits must be sent to the committee together with certain specific information and a small registration fee. The registration fee will be nominal and used to photograph the fruit provided it is accepted for registration. If not accepted for registration, the fruit will not be photographed and the registration fee will be returned to the applicant.

Interested persons should write to the California Avocado Society, 4803 Everett Avenue, Los Angeles, for specific information and registration blanks. Fruits should not be sent in until this information has been obtained. All fruits properly submitted will be carefully examined by the committee and if accepted, will take their place in the horticultural history of California.

SUBMIT YOUR FRUITS OF MERIT. THEY MAY BECOME LIVING AND LASTING MEMORIALS TO YOU AND TO CALIFORNIA.

Those fruits in which the variety committee is most interested are sapotes, cherimoyas, guavas, feijoas, mangoes, natal plums, loquats, maca-damia nuts, litchi nuts, jujubes. Other fruits will be accepted for registration providing they lend themselves to vegetative propagation.

Only names consisting of a single word will be accepted for registration. This is a practice generally accepted by all leading horticultural societies as necessary in avoiding the use of long and confusing names.