

Subtropical Fruit Statistics

The Editor

Director Arthur Christie calls our attention to some interesting statistics on subtropical fruit production in the United States, as set forth in Chapter 9, Volume 3, of the General Report on Agriculture of the 1940 Federal Census.

In scrutinizing this table, one wonders why the census enumerators failed to find any cherimoyas, feijoas, sapotes, passion fruits, or tuna cactus. Commercial shipments of tuna cactus fruits from California are reported to be at least ten carloads a year, and they are no doubt also produced in Arizona and Southern Texas. This writer was particularly interested to note that there are 16 sapodilla trees in California, ten of them in bearing. Where are they? The Society Committee on subtropical fruits (Dean F. Palmer, Civic Center, San Diego; chairman) would no doubt be glad to hear from any grower in California who has a bearing sapodilla tree.

FEDERAL CENSUS ENUMERATION, 1940.

Class	Trees non-bearing	Bearing	Farm Value of production
Guavas Florida	310	33,709	\$6,523
California	38	963	1,643
Jujubes (8 states)	312	723	1,272
Loquats (3 states)	897	3,290	5,949
Mangoes Florida	4920	10,538	8,236
Papayas (3 states)	13029	25,196	15,726
Jap. Persimmons (18 states)	21815	116,785	97,724
Pomegranates (11 states)	26007	37,548	18,510
Sapodillas California	6	10	
Florida	106	2,412	2,035
Sugar Apples Florida	150	642	214