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Caution on Buying Blueberry Plants

After ~~experiments~~ extending over sixteen years, the United States department of agriculture has established the culture of the blueberry as a commercial industry and has bred varieties with berries more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. The most outstanding cultural characteristic of the blueberry is its requirements of an acid soil. It does not thrive in ordinary rich garden soil that has a neutral or alkaline reaction.

The department's testing plantation for hybrids is at Whitesbog, near Browns Mills, N. J. About 20,000 different hybrids have been fruited thus far. Propagation material of some half dozen of the best of these hybrids has been placed in the hands of several nurserymen, but only one of them has carried the propagation to the point of offering plants for sale, and only one variety of these hybrids, Pioneer, is as yet commercially available.

A few nurserymen are taking advantage of the work that has been done in the improvement of the blueberry to deceive the public by advertising blueberries in a very misleading manner. Ordinary wild blueberries, first transplanted to a nursery, are furnished deluded buyers.

