

Frozen Cherries

OTTAWA, July 5—While red sour cherry varieties have been frozen successfully for some time, sweet cherry varieties always have made a relatively poor frozen product. However, recent studies at the Experimental Station, Summerland, B.C., have shown that the natural colour and flavour of sweet cherries can be satisfactorily preserved by the addition of a little ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and citric acid to the syrup in which the fruit is packed for freezing. It is also important to use only pitted fruit. Packing of whole, unpitted, sweet cherries always results in a very undesirable oxidized flavour in the frozen product.

The best frozen packs of sweet cherries are obtained by using 355 to 637 milligrams of citric acid and 175 to 250 milligrams of ascorbic

acid for each 15 ounces of fruit and syrup. In the home a satisfactory procedure is to cover the pitted fruit with syrup which contains one teaspoonful of powdered citric acid and 1-2 teaspoonful of crystalline ascorbic acid in each quart of prepared-syrup. If desired, 4 or 5 teaspoonfuls of lemon juice could be substituted for the citric acid.

Royal Ann, Bing and Lambert varieties all make satisfactory products by this procedure. Most people prefer the fruit cooked as it improves the flavour—particularly of the black varieties.

SEARCH FOR MISSING LINK

JOHANNESBURG—(CP) — For the third time in eight years the eminent French archaeologist Abbe Breuil has returned to South Africa to carry on his anthropological investigations. He is rejoining the Bureau of Archaeology here.

Contributions To Winnipeg Relief Fund Thanked In Message From Organizer

(Special to The Guardian from Cecil Lamont, Winnipeg, honorary national organizer of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund).

WINNIPEG, July 6 — On May 12th, just eight weeks ago, the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund made its first appeal to the public for contributions through the daily newspapers and radio stations of Canada. As a result of the magnificent support given by the newspapers and radio stations in setting up receiving stations for contributions and in supporting the multiplicity of local efforts on behalf of the fund, approximately

one million persons have now contributed over six and one-half million dollars to the fund. Gifts have poured in from all parts of the world at the rate of more than \$120,000 daily and as a result of the open-hearted giving by the public the committee has now decided that the campaign should be drawn to a close on July 15th.

The committee is hopeful that with the contributions yet to be forwarded it will be possible for us to fully achieve our objective of restoring property damaged by the flood and not included in the Government's program of repairing structural damage.

The general committee of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund and the flood victims whose homes will be restored by the fund wish to express to The Guardian deep appreciation for all that you have done to assist in enabling the Fund to reach its objective. They also ask that you convey deep appreciation to your citizens who have contributed so generously and to those who have worked so diligently in local efforts which will enable the Fund to achieve its objective. Committees have operated on behalf of the fund in all parts of Canada and even in such remote villages as Akivak.

Contributors will be interested in knowing that the Fund has operated entirely with voluntary help and that the expenses in raising the Fund have been less than one half of one per cent of the amount collected. The gifts to the Fund have been so great in number that the accounting staff have fallen behind in issuing receipts. Voluntary helpers are working day and night in an effort to issue receipts as early as possible but there will be some delay and the public is asked to bear with the honorary treasurer of the Fund in this connection. Individual receipts will be issued covering all contributions received.

In drawing the campaign to a close it is requested that the committee operating in your area forward funds collected as soon as possible after July 15th. This may be done without cost through any chartered bank.

As a result of the action of the Government in compensating flood victims for cost of structural repairs and the generous contributions made by the public to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, coupled with the steps being taken to guard against a recurrence of the flood, rehabilitation has progressed so rapidly that normal business activity has been restored to this area. The restoration of some six thousand houses damaged by flood waters is progressing with dispatch and will be completed within a few weeks. The flood victims will long remember the generous response which will enable the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund to

Constructive Breeding Of Beef Cattle

Ottawa, June 10, 1950 — In the early days of the development of our present beef breeds, performance of individual animals was the basis for deciding which animals would be saved for breeding. But there have been many periods when the majority of breeders were interested mainly in catering to the whims and fancies of the show ring in type, fancy points, and other non-utilitarian characteristics of beef cattle.

At the present there is a swing away from "fancy cattle" to a period of constructive breeding. The commercial producer is becoming increasingly aware that a certain shape of horn or a certain shade of color does not add to the market value of a steer. He is watching his own herd and the herds of others for animals which meet the practical requirements of rapid growth and economical gains, and yield carcasses of a type that satisfies market demands.

The development and evaluation of methods of performance testing of beef cattle is primarily in the hands of research institutions. Some private breeders in the U. S. A. are now starting to test their beef cattle herds along performance lines. Performance records are used as a guide to value in dairy cattle sales; why not in beef cattle sales? Briefly, the performance testing and selection methods being used by research institutions and constructive breeders are as follows, says F. G. Kristjansson of the Animal Husbandry Division Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

All females that do not produce enough milk for the satisfactory development of a calf are culled. All young stock is raised under the same conditions. A feeding test in which all animals are fed out to market weight is usually carried out. A careful record is kept of the weights of all animals at birth, weaning, the beginning of the feeding test and at the end of the feeding test. Animals are weaned at a standard age or weight, whichever is most practical under the existing conditions.

The feeding period usually starts and ends at a standard weight or age. Each animal is rated for conformation at weaning and at the end of the feeding period. On some establishments all animals are individually fed and a record is kept of the amount of feed that each animal consumes.

The decision of which animal to keep for breeding is based on the information gathered. Those that gain the fastest on the least amount of feed, and are of the desired conformation are saved for breeding and the remainder are sold on the market.

Recent studies in the United States have shown that young bulls may be put on a feeding test in the same way as heifers and steers and the results of the test can be used in deciding whether or not to keep the bull for breeding purposes. This makes earlier and more accurate selection of beef bulls possible.

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