

going practical fruit growers whose united efforts must result in winning for Wisconsin three jewels of inestimable value to humanity.

Wisconsin First in apples!

Wisconsin First in cherries!!

Wisconsin First in the luscious strawberry!!!

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REPORT OF THE EAU CLAIRE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Eau Claire Fruit Growers' Ass'n. was organized in 1902 and has held monthly meetings from that date. The year 1909 has been the most successful year we have had although we had a short crop.

As an association we are working together and improving our ways of marketing our fruit, improving our Laws and By-laws and 1910 finds us in a flourishing condition with money in the Treasury and a good feeling among our members.

We have 102 members in good standing. We marketed about 15,000 cases of strawberries in 1909, and there was about the same amount shipped by private growers.

Duluth is our market and we have ideal shipping facilities. The car is closed at 5 o'clock and the retail trade, in Duluth, can have them at 7 o'clock next morning as fresh as if they had picked them out of their own garden.

The association at present handles strawberries only but we expect to handle raspberries and blackberries the coming season.

Eau Claire County is coming to the front in raising small fruits and the acreage is increasing fast. We are also producing lots of apples and plums and new orchards are being set out and old ones enlarged and we are advancing slow but sure.

The strawberry crop for 1910 looked most promising when they were mulched in the fall and most all growers had a nice stand of plants in spite of our dry summer.