

AN OUTLINE OF THE WORK OF THE WISCONSIN STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Wisconsin State Horticultural Society conducts field work at fourteen different points in the state as follows:

Poplar, Maple, Whitehall, Manitowoc, Baraboo, Holcombe, Pewaukee, Gays Mills, Lake Geneva, Weston, Waupaca, Plover, Wisconsin Rapids and Onalaska.

A "Trial" orchard is located at each of the ten first-named places.

The Trial orchard work was begun in 1897 at Wausau for the purpose of testing the hardiness and adaptability of the different varieties of tree fruits in the northern or "cut-over" regions of the state.

These orchards comprise 48 acres and 3775 trees in addition to one acre of grapes.

The orchards at Poplar, Maple and Holcombe, are "Trial" orchards, being for the purposes above indicated.

The remaining orchards are located in sections where tree fruits are known to thrive and are designed as "Model" or demonstration orchards to show the best methods of culture, best varieties for market, etc.

An account is opened with each of the "Model" orchards with the confident expectation that a decided margin of profit will be shown at the end of 10 or 12 years. The orchards should then yield profitable crops for 20 years longer with but moderate expense for maintenance.

In the spring of 1921 four small fruit stations of one acre each were established in the four last-named places. These are for the purpose of demonstrating best methods of cultivation of raspberries, blackberries, etc. The work is carried on in co-operation with the county agricultural agents.

In these ways the Society hopes to demonstrate the possibilities of fruit growing in Wisconsin.

Additional Aims and Purposes of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society.

Organized in 1865, being the legitimate successor of the Western Fruit Growers' Association, which was organized in 1853.

Chartered by the State of Wisconsin in 1871.

Purely an educational institution.

Its purpose the advancement of every branch of horticulture throughout the state.

Aims to accomplish this through publications, individual help and conventions (two yearly).

Issues an annual report containing articles by experts on orchard culture, small fruit and vegetable gardening and the decoration of home grounds. Sent free to members.

Issues a monthly magazine, WISCONSIN HORTICULTURE, which is sent free to members.

We Answer Questions

Individual help is furnished through the Secretary who obtains from reliable sources information on any horticultural topic. No charge for such services.

Receives an annual appropriation from the state for the support of the field work and other activities.

Extends an urgent invitation, a promise of help and the hand of fellowship to all who want to learn about the growing of fruit, flowers or vegetables; to all who love the beautiful in nature a hearty welcome is assured.

Cordially invites every person in Wisconsin who wants to know something about fruit, flowers or vegetables, to become a member, as such persons are needed to help along the splendid work in which the Society is engaged.

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