

## Pinkshipper, New Pink Tomato, Features Fusarium Wilt Resistance

Pinkshipper, a new wilt resistant, pink fleshed variety of tomato for fresh market, is announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It was developed by scientists of USDA's Agricultural Research Service to meet growers' demands for a pink fruited shipping and fresh market tomato highly resistant to fusarium wilt. Some seed is available this year from commercial seed sources. The Department has no seed for distribution.

Designated as US 351 during

five years' greenhouse and field testing at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md. The new tomato has also been thoroughly field tested in the wilt infested soil of southeastern Arkansas under actual commercial growing conditions.

Pinkshipper is adapted to greenhouse or field culture, and will give good yield on wilt free soil as well as on wilt-infested soil. It is an excellent variety for commercial growers and home gardeners in any area where pink tomatoes are desired.

The new variety was developed from a cross of Galf State Market and Pan America varieties, outcrossed to a line derived from a Marvelosa and Marglobe cross. William S. Porte, USDA plant pathologist at Beltsville, continuously tested and selected lines of this cross for plant type, fruit uniformity, and wilt resistance through many generations before the Pinkshipper emerged as a fixed variety. It received much favorable comment from cooperating investigators when it was grown for three years in the Southern Cooperative Tomato Trials under the designation STEP 202.

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## Farm People Like Trees for Shade, Not to Increase Property Value

By G. A. VAN HORN

Among farm people the value of trees and shrubs for shade is more important than increased property value, according to a statewide survey of landscaping among homeowners. This report was made at the recent nurserymen's conference at the Pennsylvania State University.

J. E. Kivlin, graduate assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Penn State said 40 per cent of the people sampled listed the shade value of trees and shrubs as one of the most important reasons for landscaping.

The study was made of 640 home owner families in seven areas of eastern and western Pennsylvania. More than half of

the sample, especially those in newer residential and rural non-farm areas, said they expected to make further plantings.

Kivlin said one of the major assets of the nursery industry is the 'built in' desire home owners have to landscape their property. The survey showed 79 per cent of home owners mentioned 'enhancing the appearance of the home' when asked why they should landscape their home grounds.

Home owners believe nursery men should be the ones to supply them with trees and shrubs. Kivlin asserted eighty three per cent recommended nurserymen as the best source of landscaping material.

The major obstacle to greater use of trees and shrubs is the

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strong desire to complete landscaping as soon as possible after moving into a new home," he stated from survey results.

Sixty-one per cent of the sample said they would recommend that friends plant immediately or during the first year after moving into a new home.

Obstacles to greater use of trees and shrubs were summarized as follows:

- 1 "Have all the trees and shrubs that are wanted"
- 2 "Trees and shrubs we want are too expensive"
- 3 "Don't have the time to do more landscaping"
- 4 "Lack knowledge about landscaping"

He pointed out that 36 per cent of the people in the sample wanted more advice on use of trees and shrubs.

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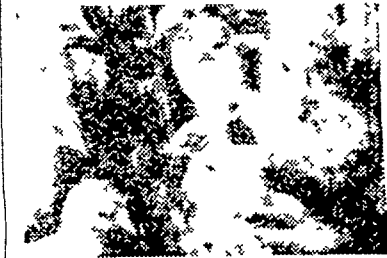
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### Farm Calendar

March 30

Egg Outlook meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Ag Room, Cocalco Joint School, Reamstown

March 31

Hempfield Community 4-H Club reorganization — 7:30 p.m. at Fairdale School

Garden Spot 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at Farm Bureau Lancaster

April 1

Kirkwood 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall, Kirkwood

Eastern States Membership meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Blue Ball Fire Hall

April 2

Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club — 7:30 p.m. at Milton Beach School, Lititz Pike, Lancaster

April 3

Senior Extension Club reorganization — 8 p.m. at Fairview Cooperative, Dillerville Road, Lancaster

Southeast District Baby Beef and Lamb Show and Sale committee meeting — 8 p.m. at Exchange Room, Lancaster Union Stock Yards

Little Britain 4-H Club — 7:30 p.m. at Fulton Grange Hall

Tractor Club tour of New Holland Machine Co — 1:30 p.m. at New Holland

Eastern States Membership meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Methodist Church basement, Quarryville

April 7

Eastern States membership meeting — 7:45 p.m. at Pequea Valley High School

April 8

Eastern States Membership meeting — 7:45 p.m. at Elizabethtown Mill Road Elementary School

April 9

Miss Lynn Bracken of PSU will meet with the Elizabethtown Flower Club to discuss culture of annual and perennials — 1:30 p.m. at Recreation Room, Elizabethtown Bank

April 10

Lancaster County Bankers Assn Banquet — 6 p.m. at Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster

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Eastern States Membership meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Eli Hostetters Mt Joy

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