Walnut Variety Observations

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The walnut varieties 61-25 and 59-124 were compared with Serr and Tehama for size and kernel quality. When these criteria are related to networth, Serr proved to be most valuable followed by 61-25, Tehama, and 59-124.

Pecan Evaluation for the Southern San Joaquin Valley

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Thirteen pecan varieties have been planted or budded since 1971 into a two acre test plot to evaluate growth, yield, nut quality, nutrition, and pest and disease problems. In the fourth year of growth, nursery grafted Wichita trees averaged approximately seven pounds of dry nuts per tree. Three year old trees of the same variety produced two pounds dry nuts per tree. Choctaw trees four years old produced an average of .5 pounds dry nuts per tree. Kernel quality was excellent in these varieties. No production was obtained from the Barton variety, the only other nursery grafted trees in the plot. Field budded trees were young and unfruitful although growth was excellent and production is expected next season. Bird damage, crows and bluejays, was a significant problem at harvest.