

Approximate Ripening Dates for Canning Peaches.—The canning season for clingstone varieties normally extends from early July to the last of September. The approximate time of ripening of the principal California clingstone varieties is as follows:

| Variety | Time of ripening |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Tuscan..... | July 15-July 30 |
| Hauss..... | July 28-August 20 |
| Paloro..... | July 28-August 20 |
| Johnson..... | July 28-August 20 |
| Peak..... | July 28-August 20 |
| Walton..... | July 28-August 20 |
| Orange..... | August 10-September 1 |
| Gaume..... | August 10-September 1 |
| Albright..... | August 10-September 1 |
| McDevitt..... | August 10-September 1 |
| Sims..... | August 10-September 1 |
| Phillips..... | August 25-September 10 |
| Levi..... | September 5-September 25 |

These ripening dates vary from season to season, and between different districts there may be as much as ten days variation in any one season.

Approximate Ripening Dates for Fresh and Drying Peaches.—The Elberta is now the most important of the shipping varieties but the J. H. Hale is gaining popularity. Other varieties in approximate order of their importance are Mayflower, St. John, Triumph, Lovell, Salwey, Early Crawford, Levi, Phillips, and Tuscan. The bulk of fresh peaches are shipped during July to early September.

The approximate time of ripening of the principal shipping and drying varieties is as follows:

| Variety | Time of ripening |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Triumph..... | June 10-June 30 |
| St. John..... | June 28-July 15 |
| Early Crawford..... | July 5-July 25 |
| Tuscan..... | July 15-July 30 |
| J. H. Hale..... | July 18-July 30 |
| Elberta..... | July 21-August 6 |
| Muir..... | July 25-August 10 |
| Lovell..... | August 1-August 20 |
| Phillips..... | August 25-September 10 |
| Salwey..... | August 30-September 15 |
| Levi..... | September 5-September 25 |

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT VARIETIES OF PEACHES

Alexander.—The Alexander originated in Illinois soon after the Civil War. It has been one of the parents of several good early-ripening peaches. It is not grown extensively now anywhere except in California. It has been widely grown as one of the best early varieties. The fruit is greenish white, and is nearly covered with