

THE SPECIAL HORTICULTURAL APPROPRIATION

At the last special session of the legislature an act was passed providing for the employment of a horticulturist under the auspices of the Experiment Station for the purpose of enlarging the investigation of the fruit problems in Kentucky, and of providing new services to growers. These include a spray service program, publication of practical information, and holding of meetings and fruit exhibitions.

HORTICULTURAL WORK AT WESTERN KENTUCKY EXPERIMENT SUBSTATION

S. J. LOWRY, *Superintendent*

For several years we have needed the assistance of a resident horticulturist at the Western Kentucky Experiment Substation, but on account of reduced income we have not been able to afford this help. We are much pleased to welcome Mr. W. D. Armstrong and his family back to Kentucky and to the Western Kentucky Experiment Substation at Princeton. His excellent training and experience will enable him to render a most valuable service to the fruit and berry growers of Kentucky.

Mr. Armstrong will have his headquarters here so we shall be able to secure a great deal of valuable help from him in carrying on our horticultural experiments as well as have the pleasure of cooperating with him in the conduct of any and all new investigations which may be inaugurated at this substation. In Mr. Armstrong the farmers and fruit growers have a horticulturist who is thoroughly qualified to serve them and one with whom they will find it easy and pleasant to work.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR FRUIT EXHIBIT

M. Y. NUNN, *Superintendent State Fair Horticultural Exhibit*
Sturgis, Kentucky

During the past years the fruit exhibit has been one of the outstanding features at the Kentucky State Fair. Naturally people expect to see the finest products of the state on display and tell their friends about it when they go back home. Exhibits such as we have had in the past can only be made possible by cooperation of our leading fruit growers. Even if

the commercial fruit crop in the state is below that of last year, I am sure every person who attends the Fair will be expecting to see a good apple show.

The general premium list for 1938 will be practically identical to that of the past two years. The premium lists are not as yet available, but will be within a short time. Your county agent can doubtless provide you with a premium list as soon as they are off the press.

Any fruits, including apples, peaches, grapes or pears, which mature ahead of State Fair dates (September 12 to 17), should be shipped to the Kentucky State Fair, care of the Merchants' Ice and Cold Storage Company, Louisville, Kentucky. This fruit will be stored at no expense to the grower and will be delivered to the fair grounds by the fair management on the opening day of the fair.

Notify M. Y. Nunn, Sturgis, Kentucky, especially concerning the larger entries you plan to make, so that adequate space can be reserved for the exhibit. The 40-tray and 40-plate county displays, together with the 20-tray exhibits, offer some very attractive prizes as they have in the past. These larger exhibits remain the property of the exhibitor, while the plate and single tray classes become the property of the apple show management.

Mr. W. D. Armstrong, horticulturist at the Western Kentucky Substation at Princeton, will be assistant manager and will gladly help any amateur growers in arranging their exhibit. Any exhibits sent in will be arranged by the management, should it be impossible for the exhibitor to be on hand at the opening dates of the fair. Early entries are preferred but fruit may be entered during Monday and Tuesday morning of the Fair.

We are counting on former exhibitors and hope many new ones will be added to the list, in helping make the 1938 State Fair Fruit Show even better than it has been in the past.

Professor C. S. Waltman of the Horticulture Department, University of Kentucky, will again be the judge. He suggests that every care should be exercised to prevent the bruising of fruits both at picking time and in packing for transportation. Stems should be in the fruits, and each exhibit should be as uniform in size, shape and color and as free of blemishes as possible.