Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.
PINEAPPLE PEAR TREE
GROWING ON THE FARM OF H. P. PELTON, CITRONELLE, ALABAMA

This tree is one of the oldest in Citronelle district and the only one from which records have been kept over several years. Below is a statement from Mr. H. P. Pelton giving the yields for the past six years.

STATEMENT OF MR. PELTON

The tree is about 40 years old, has a circumference of 66 inches at the base, has a spread of about 45 ft and is over 30 ft. high. The yield of fruit for the past six years has been as follows:

- 1918: 92 ½ bushel hampers, 1919: 26 ½ bushel hampers
- 1920: 44 ½ bushel hampers, 1921: 40 ½ bushel hampers

Making a total of 345½ baskets and hampers in six years.

Total cash receipts for the six years was $209.60 or an average of $34.93 per year. This in spite of the fact that on account of abnormal conditions the crops of 1922-23 sold for a very low price.

Signed
H. P. Pelton.

The Pineapple Pear is of Oriental origin and is the one Pear that has proven free from blight in the coast country. It is a vigorous grower and a prolific bearer and should be planted by every land owner in the coast country. As a commercial proposition it has proved a success. They should be planted not less than 40x40 ft. or 27 trees per acre, this would give a car load of fruit per acre at an average at only 20 bushels per tree.

The Citronelle Nursery & Orchard Co. holds the records for high prices on a shipment of five cars the season of 1921. One car at $1.50 per bushel basket F. O. B. shipping point; Three cars at $1.75 per bushel and one car at $2.02 per bushel basket F. O. B. shipping point. It has been found in advice given twelve years ago, “Plant Pears and be independent, Plant more and be Rich.” We think the advice is still good.

CITRONELLE NURSERY & ORCHARD CO.
CITRONELLE, ALABAMA.