

ENTOMOLOGY

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ABSTRACTS

Some Pointers of Value to Strawberry Growers Gleaned from a Decade of Strawberry Research. G. EDW. MARSHALL, Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station.—When it is impossible to cultivate ground for several years to destroy weeds and grass before setting to strawberries, probably the next best practice is to turn under sod, treat the ground to kill soil insects, and set it to berries. Spacing plants from eight to ten inches apart pays as does irrigation and the use of Crag herbicide to prevent the over-development of plants and weeds in late summer and fall. The control of leaf feeding insects by sprays is a profitable practice as is the application of a liberal number of Captan sprays to prevent fruit rot at picking time. Under such practices the rate of return per acre on Robinson in 1955 was \$7200 gross.