'Flordaglo' Peach

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'Flordaglo' peach [Prunus persica (L.) Batsch] is an attractive, high-quality, white-flesh peach released by the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (Fig. 1). 'Flordaglo' is expected to replace the white-flesh 'Flordared' peach because it bears more attractive, firmer, and larger fruit. 'Flordaglo' is expected to be successful in home gardens and it should have commercial potential in areas where white-flesh peaches are acceptable in markets.

Origin

'Flordaglo' originated from a 1979 cross of 'Sundowner' nectarine by 'Maravilha' peach. The hybrid seedling first fruited in 1981. Upon fruiting the following year, it was selected, propagated, and tested as Fla. 82-9W.

Description

The major advantages of 'Flordaglo' are a low chilling requirement and early ripening, with firm and attractive red fruit. 'Flordaglo' trees are estimated to require ≈ 150 chill units (cu), slightly more than 'Flordared' (100 cu) and about the same as 'Flordaprince'. 'Flordaglo' has fruited well where the coldest month averages 15 to 18°C and in colder locations in the absence of spring frosts. Chilling in the Orlando to Leesburg area of Florida should be sufficient most years for reliable production. Trees grown north of the recommended area may experience delayed foliation and some crop loss. 'Flordaglo' trees should be adapted wherever 'Flordared' and 'Flordaprince' have been grown successfully. Full bloom generally occurs in early February in central Florida. Fruit ripens in early May, about 85 days after bloom and about 5 days after 'Flordaprince'.

Availability

Budwood has been released to commercial nurseries. Inquiries regarding availability of budwood can be directed to Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., P.O. Box 309, Greenwood, FL 32443. Limited quantities of non-indexed budwood may be obtained from the Fruit Crops Dept., Fifield Hall, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Fig. 1. 'Flordaglo', a low-chill, white-flesh peach (distance between numerals, 1 cm).