

**15000 to 15210—Continued.**

five-ninths to five-eighths as long as the fruit, rather slender. The orange-colored stalks of the fruit clusters are sharply curved, and so short that the rather small bunches hardly extend beyond the leafstalks.

The foliage of this, as of several other of the finest varieties, is of a light and delicate aspect, due in this case to the relatively few leaves and the narrowness of the leaflets. The leaves themselves are large and wide, curving downward very noticeably.

The large fruit is remarkable for its unusual shape, somewhat like that of a fiddle or of some of the varieties of gherkins, to which it doubtless owes its Arabic name. The flesh is thick and rather firm, yet tender. It is very sweet and has a very distinctive and highly attractive flavor. It ripens late in October.

**15009.** *Deglet Barca.*

Fruit said to be "soft," round, and nearly black. It is described as a soft date that preserves very well.

**15010.** *Deglet Caid.*

Fruit coral red before maturity, and black when ripe; said to be conservative only for a short time. Reported to be a fine variety and to ripen early in September.

**15011 and 15012.** *Deglet Noor.*

A first-class "soft" date; fruit  $1\frac{1}{3}$  to a little over 2 inches long and about one-half as wide, ovoid oblong in shape, generally widest at or near the middle and blunt pointed at the apex, often narrowed also at the base, maroon colored when ripe; the flesh 2 to 3 lines thick, translucent; the seed about five-ninths as long as the fruit, conspicuously pointed, and dark chestnut brown in color. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are bright yellow (not orange), with stalks long and slender, sharply curved near the base, so that the bunches hang down far below the crown of foliage.

The Deglet Noor presents a combination of characteristics—fine flavor, sweetness, attractive appearance, cleanliness, good keeping qualities—that can be rivaled by no other variety that is widely grown. It requires a high sum total of temperature to bring it to perfect maturity; begins to ripen in quantity toward the end of October, slower in coming into full bearing than most varieties, the palms generally not giving a good crop until they are 10 years old, producing largely only every second or third year.

**15013.** *Deglet Sennaga.*

A "soft" date; fruit 37.5 to 40 mm. long, 17.5 mm. wide, oblong, somewhat pointed at the apex, bright chestnut brown when ripe, surface shining, skin much loosened and folded; flesh soft, dark colored; seed large, dark brown; very sweet; flavor distinctive (suggesting burnt sugar) and rather agreeable, but not very pronounced. It is said to keep well.

**15014.** *Dokar.* (Early, male.)**15015.** *Dokar.* (Medium, male.)**15016.** *Dokar.* (Late, male.)**15017.** *Doonga,* or *Dentanga.*

A second-class "soft" date; fruit a little over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, six-tenths to seven-tenths as wide, egg-shaped, broadest near the base, dull dark purplish maroon when ripe; the flesh  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 lines thick, firm white, central portion nearly as thick as the dark outer zone; seeds small and thick (only about one-half as long as the fruit and about one-half as wide as long), narrowed at both ends. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are light orange.

A dark-colored, rather small date, with moderately soft, dark-colored flesh and with a clean, dry skin. It is very sweet and of a fine flavor, suggesting that of Deglet Noor.

**15018.** *F'temy,* or *F'timi.*

A first-class "soft" date; fruit  $1\frac{2}{3}$  to 2 inches long, about one-half as wide, oblong, slightly narrowed at both ends, dark purplish maroon when ripe, the surface shining, the flesh soft and sirupy, about 2 lines thick, the seed about