

**15000 to 15210—Continued.**

seed about two-thirds as long as the fruit, one-third to two-fifths as wide as long, broad and rounded at both ends. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are dull orange. The stalks are curved, forming nearly a semicircle, but do not hang down below the foliage.

Fruit is small, thin of flesh, and becomes hard and dry almost before it has lost its astringency. It ripens toward the end of October and beginning of November. Moderately sweet and rather tasteless. Yields heavily, being one of the most productive varieties found in Tunis, and is said to give a good crop every year. Reputed to be very alkali resistant.

**15031. *Khadraya.***

A "dry" date; fruit 35 to 40 mm. long, 17.5 mm. wide, oblong, narrowed at the apex, bright orange before maturity, dull light brown when ripe; seed large, light brown. Branches of fruit clusters bright orange. Very sweet, with a pleasant flavor. Ripens in October.

**15032. *Khalt (?)*.****15033. *Khalt Boo Fagoos.***

A "soft" date; very similar to Boo Fagoos, 42.5 mm. long, 25 mm. wide, generally more or less obovoid, maroon colored when ripe, skin much folded; flesh very firm; seed large. Branches of fruit clusters light orange.

Moderately sweet, with a fine flavor of the Horra type.

**15034. *Khalt Deglaowia.***

A second-class date of the "soft" type; fruit  $1\frac{2}{3}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long, about one-half as wide, egg-shaped, narrowed from about the middle to the rounded apex, keeping its shape well when preserved, dark maroon purple when ripe, much of the skin loosened into soft blisters; the flesh about 2 lines thick, firm yet tender; the seed about two-fifths as long as the fruit, about one-third as wide as long, cinnamon brown. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are light yellow.

The fruit is rather small, with fairly thick, firm flesh. The fine flavor suggests that of Deglet Noor, which it resembles also in the shape of the fruit and the maize-yellow color of the branches of the clusters.

**15035. *Khalt Gama.***

"Gama" means wheat, and is said to refer to the color of the fruit.

**15036. *Khalt Hameed.***

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit  $1\frac{2}{3}$  inches long, about one-half as wide, ellipsoidal, generally slightly narrowed at both ends, keeping its shape well when preserved, bright maroon when ripe; the flesh  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines thick, rather firm, not very sugary; the seed smooth, five-eighths as long as the fruit, about two-fifths as wide as long, widest above the middle.

**15037. *Khalt Harraowia.***

A second-class "soft" date; fruit  $1\frac{7}{8}$  to over 2 inches long, narrowed from near the base to the somewhat pointed apex, keeping its shape well when preserved, dark-maroon purple when ripe; the flesh 2 to 3 lines thick, firm yet tender, very sugary; the seed one-half to five-ninths as long as the fruit, about one-third as wide as long. The branches of the fruit clusters are orange colored. The crown of foliage is well developed, the leaves large, and the leaflets long and numerous.

The large, handsome fruit somewhat resembles that of Horra, both in appearance and flavor. The flesh is copious, firm yet tender, and contains a great deal of sugar.

**15038. *Khalt Kebeer.***

A fine, large, reddish brown "soft" date, with small seed, preserving admirably; flavor excellent.

**15039. *Khalt Kentaowia.***

Occurs in the Jerid; apparently not uncommon at Tozer.