JUJUBE SCIONWOOD AND PLANT AVAILABILITY, 2008

Li: Beautiful Chinese introduction by Frank Meyer. Large round fruit up to 3 ounces in mid-August. May be picked at yellow-green stage. Best eaten fresh. Best single tree to have. Early fruiting (Alcalde)

Li 2: NEW This came as Li, but the fruit and the tree itself are obviously different from the Li above. The fruit is very large and ripens several weeks later than the Li. Tree has one hooked spine and one dagger spine.

LANG: large, pear-shaped fruit – late ripening and must be fully red to be best. Some fruit may split and soften before ripening. Leave these on the tree to dry. This is the best for dried fruit. The tree is very upright and virtually thornless. (Alcalde)

SHERWOOD: a seedling plant from Louisiana. Fruit is very dense and excellent. The tree is very narrow and upright with leaves that are a weeping habit. Very late ripening fruit. (Alcalde).

SHUI MEN: from the TVA project in Tennessee. Fruit is elongated and excellent fresh or dried. Mid season. (Alcalde).

SO: a tree of most beautiful shape. At each node of the stem the branch decides to go off in a different direction. Heavy zig-zag branching tree seems to be somewhat dwarfed. Fruit is early balance of sweet and tart. (Alcalde).

SILVERHILL: An elongated fruit from Georgia. Very late fruit to ripen. Crops well even in northern Florida, dense fruit fresh or dried.

GA866: one of the selections from the breeding program at Chico, CA. Outstandingly sweet fruit with sugar levels approaching 45%! Large, elongated fruit. Excellent! (Alcalde)

SUGAR CANE: small to medium sized fruit which are round to somewhat elongated. Extremely sweet and crunchy fruit but on a very spiny plant. The fruit is worth the spines! Small seeds. (Alcalde)

TSAO: from Pennsylvania with the fruit pointed at both ends. Tsao is the Chinese name for the jujube (actually “date “or “apple”). Excellent, sweet mid-season variety. (Alcalde)

GI 7-62: from the Chico Research Program. Fruit is round but flattened to an unusual shape. Excellent, sweet taste. A real surprise! It was named “Chico” by Paul Thompson of the California Rare Fruit Growers. Small fruit, seedless. Thornier. (Alcalde)

GI-1183: Also from the research program. Excellent fruit of medium to large size. Late harvest, poor taste.

THORNLESS: Fruit similar to Lang but may not be identical to it. It is virtually thornless.

ADMIRAL WILKES: From the Capitol grounds in Washington D.C. This Plant is one of the progeny from the Wilkes Expedition to the South Seas in 1842. Elongated like Silver hill and the very last to ripen.

TEXAS TART: A high acid, tart fruit from the campus of Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Small, very sweet, raisin-like fruit when dried. (Alcalde)

TOPEKA: Collected from Mellinger’s Clinic in Kansas. Very nice, crispy sweet fruit. Late Harvest. (Alcalde)

ED HEGRAD: FROM Alabama. Fruit similar to Lang and also virtually thorn less

REDLANDS #14: Collected from an old homestead in Redlands, Ca. Very large, sweet, round fruit. Mid season. (Alcalde)

YU: One of the original introductions by Frank Meyer. Claimed to be one of the best eating jujubes. (Alcalde).

FITZGERALD: From Georgia. Small, round fruit which are almost black when fully ripe. (Alcalde)

ABBEVILLE: From Louisiana. An elongated fruit on a very prolific plant. Loads of small to medium fruit. (Alcalde)

JIN: Excellent either fresh or dried. Mid-season. Early, more reminiscent of true date than others. Long fruit 2” (Alcalde).


HONEY JAR: A new Chinese cultivar with small but absolutely unique, sweet taste for use fresh or dried 3/8” to 1” size.

ANT ADMIRE: Another Chinese cultivar with elongated fruit eaten fresh. Very late season harvest. Excellent. Date-like, good in cooler weather.

SEPTEMBER LATE: Used fresh or dried-mid to late harvest. (Alcalde).

GLOBE: Very large, round fruit which are best dried.

SIHONG: Excellent, large, round fruit mid-season. (Alcalde).

SHANXI LI: NEW First time offered in US. Extremely large fruit with great flavor. (Alcalde).

MU: NEW Introduced into the US by Frank Meyer nearly 80 years ago, then lost. Recently found in a botanical garden.

DON POLENSKI: NEW! Similar to Lang but a better, crisper flavor. (Alcalde)

SIX NEW RUSSIAN CULTIVARS: 1) Kitaiski2, 2) Kitaiski 60, 3) Oo Sene Hun, 4) 29-16 TOC, 5) Sovietski, and 6) Ta Yan Tsao (probably Lang)

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