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PROGRESS REPORT PROJECT 81-KB

I. Tree and Crop Research

Project Name: Tree and Crop Research: Part A: Noninfectious Bud Failure; Part B: Breeding and Genetic Studies; Part C: Variety Evaluations

 Biochemical studies to determine possible "finger printing" systems for noninfectious bud-failure and other variants were made.

 (a) Several standard isozymes systems were used to examine differences among varieties. These included Peroxidase (PER), phosphoglucoisomerase (PGI) and Leucineaminopeptidase (LAP).

Fifty-four varieties and selections could be divided into 6 groups with respect to combinations of PGI and LAP. However, variation within varities, as for noninfectious bud-failure (BF) and Bull Mission Syndroms (BMS) were not detected by this method. (b) Studies on the nucleic acids of normal and affected BF plants are in progress. By graduate student Lou Fenton in cooperation with Dr. A. Kuniyuki (Department of Pomology) which should have more promise to detect and measure such differences biochemically.

At present these studies involve methodology such that no positive results can be reported.

 Cells of normal and BF affected Nonpareil trees are being grown in sterile culture. Likewise excised shoots of almond of both types are growing in sterile culture.

A medium to support the continuous growth of cells from BF Nonpareil culture has been developed. Cells originally from "normal" almond have been less able to grow but have now been established. Earlier we have shown that tissue from the BF sources grew differently from that from "normal".

The seasonal pattern of bud failure was again followed this year based on visible evidence of necrosis in bud samples collected at particular times during summer and also by forcing buds on excised shoots. Results suggest that the proportion of affected buds produced during this season may be unusually high and more severe symptoms than normal might be expected to occur next spring. This pattern would follow from the unusually high temperatures occurring this year in the early part of the season.

3. Source clones of Nonpareil and Mission from Foundation Seed and Plant Materials are being tested for yield and presence of BF or BMS in RVT plots. Nine source clones of Nonpareil are under test as are 3 of Mission plus several others. Although some Nonpareil source clones had less yield in the Kern plot, there does not seem to be significant differences among Nonpareil and Mission source clones in yield based on overall information. None of the Nonpareil show symptoms of BF and none of the Mission show BMS. All of the Mission trees from this source clones produced typical hard shelled, characteristic Mission nuts with full production once they reach maturity.

Part B. Breeding and Inheritance Studies

- 1. Several breeding studies are being conducted to test transmission of BF and various other characteristics. These include:
 - a. Transmission of BF from various F₁ almond x peach crosses as compared to transmission from BF Nonpareil x almond (various) crosses (1978 crosses).
 - b. Inheritance of reduced tree size, thin shell, precocity, and self fertility from almond species hybrids (1980 crosses).
 - c. Inheritance of (a) genetic dwarf peach (1979 crosses) x almond and (b) genetic dwarf almond in peach crosses (1978 crosses).
- Preliminary analysis of results show
 - a. BF has appeared in some additional almond x peach crosses including crosses with Carmel and several numbered selections. None have appeared so far in the progeny of almond x genetic dwarf peach even though BF Nonpareil was the other parent.
 - b. BF offspring appeared in some almond x almond progeny but at a very low rate as compared to some cross with peach. Similar results as earlier studies.
 - c. Some plants resulting from interspecific hybridization with other almond species fruited in 1981 but none of the nut samples have been evaluated yet. The large number of offspring from the 1980 crosses should be fruiting in 1982.
 - d. Some genetic dwarfed seedlings types from almond x almond crosses appeared in the offspring (1978 crosses) but nuts have not yet been examined.
- 3. New crosses in spring 1981 have included production of the F, progeny from selfed almond x peach F₁ individuals. Almond parents, were with and without BF. The purpose is to test the possibility of eliminating BF through an almond x peach genetic screen. Seeds were planted in the field in November.
- 4. Many of the (genetic dwarf peach x almond) F₁ hybrids (1979 crosses) produced fruit this year. Open pollinated seeds from individual trees were collected in July and germinated this fall. Somewhat less than half of these seedlings show initial dwarfism in the small seedling stage such that we have about 500 dwarfed plants to grow out. An equal or larger number of normal sized progeny also has resulted. The purpose is to determine segregation patterns of normal and <u>BF</u>, peach and <u>almond growth</u> and <u>nut characters</u> and normal size and dwarf size.

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Part C. Variety Evaluation

- 1. Four of the RVT plots were harvested in 1981 and data from 3 of the plots is included in this report. Harvest was also made from the Manteca plot (planted 1978) for the first time this year but analysis of results is not completed. The Fresno plot was planted in the spring. In addition, more varieties were added to the Kern plot. Yield data is presented without analysis at this time.
- Three new almond varieties are being introduced this winter and will be available next year for June budding. These include the following:

Selection 5-58. PADRE. This variety blooms with Mission and matures before Mission. The tree and nut both resemble Mission. Kernel size tends to be slightly smaller than Mission. Grows very well on Marianna 2624 plum rootstock.

Selection 5A-3. SOLANO. This variety blooms with Nonpareil and mature slightly after Nonpareil. Nut is soft shelled, better sealed than Nonpareil but not resistant to NOW. Kernel high quality, Nonpareil type.

Selection 5A-20. SONORA. This variety blooms before Nonpareil and matures just after Nonpareil. Nut is paper shelled and not well sealed (about with Nonpareil). Kernel high quality, large kernel type.

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W. C. Micke (Cooperative Extension) UCD and various Farm Advisors, see data sheets. Contribution from Dr. A. Kuniyuki and Dr. P. Hansche is acknowledged.

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Var	riety	# Nuts /Tree	Average Size #/oz	lbs./ Tree	Per Acre Yield(1)	Shelling %	% Sealed	% NOW	Full Bloom Date
Α.	A. <u>Early Blooming Varieties - 1974 Planting</u>								
	5A-20 Jordanolo FPMS Jordanolo Ne Plus Ultra FPMS Ne Plus Ultra Money Tree	11896 8362 6011 4988 4929 3671	24 20 20 19.5 21 19	30.96 26.14 18.80 15.95 15.07 12.69	2322 1961 1410 1196 1130 952	70 57 57 57 57 54 65	92 76 90 98 40	4 12 18 6 0 38	2/19 2/19 2/19 2/17 2/17 2/19
Β.	Nonpareil Bloom: Pollini	zers - 1	974 Plant	ing					
	Fritz 5A-3 Harvey Milow Price Carmel Nonpareil (7 rows*) K-13N Merced 23-122 2-17 Norman 69-60 Vesta Robson Granada Profuse	12327 11896 11627 10448 10404 9203 8734 8489 8447 8206 8157 6287 6041 5684 4234 2737 1686	30 30 29 34 28 27 25 17.5 29 26.5 31.5 30.5 27 26.5 27 26.5 27 26.5 27	25.68 24.76 25.06 22.77 23.29 21.30 21.40 19.38 18.21 19.42 16.18 12.82 13.99 13.35 12.03 6.21 5.23	1926 1857 1880 1708 1747 1598 1605 1453 1366 1457 1213 962 1049 1001 902 466 392	56 61 65 63 58 60 50 66 57 45 50 54 57 57 56	98 94 90 91 98 82 88 100 98 98 98 98 98 94 98 96 90 86	2 2 6 7 6 2 3 8 6 2 4 0 0 0 0 4 2	2/26 2/26 3/2 2/26 2/26 2/26 2/26 2/26 2
C.	Mission Bloom: Pollinize	rs							
1	Butte Thompson Mission 3-6-1-65 Ruby Carrion CP 5-58 (1975 *) 3-24E Ripon	12265 11512 11093 11061 10172 9918 9759 5701	33 25.5 29.5 30.5 26.5 32 39 28	23.22 21.19 23.54 22.69 24.02 19.33 15.64 12.72	1742 1589 1766 1702 1802 1450 1173 954	55 63 46 53 54 54 55 45	98 96 100 98 100 100 94 98	0 4 0 2 0 0 4 2	3/3 3/2 3/1 3/5 3/2 3/2 3/9 3/9
D.	Nonpareil Source Clones								
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F.	Nonpareil Bloom: Pollini	zers - 1	976 Plant	ing					
e s	Jeffries 7-10 Nonpareil 1-46 1-69 16-14A 2-62 2-55	9308 8876 8789 6648 6234 5252 4724 2423	26 27 24 26.5 25 26 26 26 20	22.31 20.96 23.09 15.66 15.67 19.90 11.35 7.57	1673 1572 1732 1175 1175 1493 851 568	64 64 52 67 62 59 55	86 76 77 92 100 96 96 56	2 8 3 4 2 4 20	

(1) 75 trees/acre

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NICKELS ESTATE RESEARCH FARM Arbuckle, California 1975 Planting Block No. 1

	riety	# Nuts /Tree	Average Size #/oz.	lbs./ Tree	Per Acre Yield(1)	Shelling %	% Sealed	% NOW	Full Bloom Date
Α.	Early Blooming								
	5A-20 Jordanolo 1-70 Peerless 2-70 Ne Plus Ultra 1-63 Peerless 1-65 Ne Plus Ultra 2-70	5163 3960 3409 3062 3032 2827	28 23 25 22 25 23	11.5 11.0 8.6 8.6 7.5 7.7	863 825 645 642 562 576	72 59 37 57 37 53	61 61 100 100 100 100	1 0 1 0 6	F 21 F 18 F 23 F 21 F 23 F 21 F 21
Β.	Nonpareil Bloom: Pollini	zers							
	Fritz Norman Carmel Price Robson 5A-3 Milow 23-122 Granada Nonpareil 3-8-2-70 69-60 Harvey K-13N Vesta	6600 6081 4919 4689 4278 3881 3370 3248 3219 3103 2762 2696 2658 2423	34 35 28 29 27 28 31 30 33 25 26 24 26 21	12.0 11.0 11.2 10.0 9.9 8.8 6.7 6.5 6.2 7.8 6.8 7.0 6.4 7.1	903 821 841 749 746 659 499 485 464 586 506 527 481 532	48 58 52 56 52 56 64 52 47 56 43 62 53 47	65 99 95 97 100 97 89 96 74 81 45 33 97	1 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 8 3 0	F 28 M 1 M 3 F 28 F 28 F 23 M 1 F 28 F 28 F 28 M 1 M 3 F 26 F 28
c.	Mission Bloom: Pollinize	rs							
	Butte Mission 3-6-1-65 Mission 3-6-5-67 Mission 3-6-2-71 Thompson Carrion	6364 6030 5897 4264 3154 2932	34 31 30 30 25 27	11.6 12.2 12.2 8.9 8.1 6.9	872 912 915 666 604 515	48 41 44 42 54 54	84 100 100 100 100 73	0 0 0 0 0	M 1 M 3 M 3 M 3 F 28 M 1
D.	Nonpareil Source Clones								*
	Nonpareil 3-8-5-72 Nonpareil 3-8-7-72 Nonpareil 3-8-2-70 Nonpareil 3-8-4-72	3493 3344 3103 3029	23 25 25 24	9.6 8.3 7.8 7.8	722 619 586 583	56 54 56 57	68 71 74 60	0 0 0	F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28

(1) 75 trees/acre

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NICKELS ESTATE RESEARCH FARM Arbuckle, California 1977 Planting Block No. 2

Va	riety	# Nuts /Tree	Average Size #/oz.	lbs./ Tree	Per Acre Yield	Shelling %	% Sealed	% NOW	Full Bloom Date
Α.	Nonpareil Source Clones								
	3-8-12-72 3-8-9-72 3-8-10-72 3-8-8-72 3-8-5-72 3-8-11-72	2231 2205 2199 1948 1921 1738	26 23 22 22 21 23	5.2 5.9 6.2 5.5 5.7 4.7	392 442 464 409 424 350	51 57 58 58 59 58 58 58	63 86 55 44 65 78	2 0 2 0 0 0	F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28 F 28
Β.	Mission Source Clones								
	3-6-2-71 3-6-5-67 3-6-1-65	4577 4102 3661	31 30 31	9.3 8.6 7.5	699 639 562	41 41 39	100 100 100	0 0 0	M 3 M 3 M 3
C.	Nonpareil Bloom: Pollini	zer							
	2-62 1-46 K16-14 23.5-16-40B 1-69 88-66 24-57 88-55 2-13 79-49	3336 3319 3150 2608 2302 2066 1947 1708 1434	25 29 27 27 26 26 27 25 26	8.3 7.2 7.2 6.0 5.5 4.9 4.6 4.3 3.4	625 536 541 444 411 367 345 323 255	56 45 54 47 50 42 41 42 49	93 75 100 93 96 100 93 99	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2	F 27 F 25 M 7 M 1 M 1 M 1 M 3 M 7 F 27
D	Mission Bloom: Pollinize	1206 r	29	2.6	198	43	100	0	MI
	3-63 5-58 3-5W	4241 4026 1852	35 31 40	7.6 8.0 2.9	566 601 218	50 50 41	100 100 100	0 0 0	M 1 M 3 M 3

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CSUC RVT Plot Durham, California 1976 Planting

<u>a</u>	<u>nriety</u>	# Nuts /Tree	Average Size #/oz.	lbs./ Tree	Per Acre <u>Yield(2</u>)	Shelling %	% Sealed	% <u>NOW</u>
Α.	Ne Plus Ultra Bloom							
	5A-20 Jordanolo Ne Plus Ultra	7787 7736 6466	23 18 18	21.2 26.9 22.5	1567 2015 1688	70 69 43	64 72 64	12 28 16
В.	Nonpareil Bloom: Pollini	zers				• •		
	Fritz (1) 5A-3 Milow 23-122 Norman Vesta Price Granada Robson K13N Merced Harvey Carmel	12332 9804 9684 8867 8228 7523 7456 6506 6450 5867 5433 5181 3810	27 29 27 27 23 28 29 23 25 26 25 23	28.5 21.1 22.4 20.5 19.0 20.4 16.6 14.0 17.5 14.7 13.1 13.0 10.4	2141 1585 1682 1540 1429 1533 1248 1052 1315 1100 976 971 776	51 61 74 55 58 53 53 53 56 67 61 64 63 60	96 100 88 100 44 100 68 78 100 92 88 88 88 100	0 0 12 8 0 0 0 4 16 4 20 0 0
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D.	Nonpareil: Separate Sour	ce Clones						
	3-8-7-72 3-8-4-72 3-8-2-70 3-8-5-72	10311 10194 9494 8700	24 22 22 22	27.2 28.4 26.7 25.0	2037 2108 2005 1871	65 Averag 4 Rows 66 " 63 " 63 "	e 63 53 62 72	5 11 7 7
Ε.	Mission: Separate Source	Clones						
	3-6-1-65 3-6-2-71 3-6-5-67	7763 7662 7347	26 26 25.5	18.7 18.4 18.0	1400 1381 1348	44 " 43 " 44 "	100 100 100	0 0 0
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(1) Mission as pollinizer(2) 75 trees/acre

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