Evaluation and comparison of the quality and quantitative yeild of peach varieties at shahrood province

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Peach is a fruit with high nutritional value. This fruit is widely used as fresh or canned product. Many gardeners grow this tree because of its early fruiting, but its yeild and quality is low due to the lack of knowledge about adaptatbility and higher yielding varieties. In this research 25 varieties were evaluated by simple Latis design to select the best vartiety. The experiment was conducted at 2 replications and each replication at 5 blocks with 25 plots. Nine trees from each variety were planted at 3 row (with 4 meters spacing), and 3 trees were planted at each row with 3 meters from each other. Results showed that the sodanel, dixred, shasta cultivars had no significant difference at the statistical level of 5% and were significantly better than other treatments with the mean yeild of 39.8 ton/ha. In this research the G.H.Hill cultivar had the lowest yeild of 7.7 ton/ha. The results of the second year showed significant difference with the results of the first year, and cultvars Spring Curlet, July Alberta, Mashad Red, Dix Red, Boby Gold, Alberta, Red Onim, Velot, Haj Kazemi and Red Top werw significantly better than other cultivars (at the statistical level of 5%).

The spring Curlet's yelld was the highest with the mean of 46 ton/ha. The fig like variety had the lowest yield with the mean of 18.5 ton/ha.

The results of both years shows that the Dix Red variety is best variety Shahroud, and we can recommend the Shasta, Boby Gold, Mashhad red and July Alberta as promising cultivars in the region.