

Floris, Iowa

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Subject: Asiatic Chestnuts (Ia. and Ill.)

At Floris, Iowa the Rock Island R. R. took 56% of one of the two "climatic" plots when they cut a new right of way. Because of this construction work it was impossible to get hotel room at either Ottawa or Bloomfield. I found the plots pretty badly overgrown. After 8-growing seasons the only promising Asiatic chestnuts in my two Davis County, Iowa plots are four strains of chinese chestnuts, (FP530, FP719, MBG and MBH), and one Hybrid strain C-16. The Japanese, Henryi and Seguinii species have passed out. The five strains above mentioned show about 85% survived and of which 55% have remained disease free. They average about 9 feet in height. Survival for all chestnuts approx 45%.