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1935. 100 Asiatic chestnut trees [TENN. VALLEY AUTHORITY]

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Setting Decatur, Meigs Co., Tenn.
100 Chinese chestnuts set Spring 1935
New land - 1st yr. growth fair, no cultivation.
2nd to 4th yr. in corn
Grew remarkably well
Today 75% lost from blight. Balance badly infected
even though growing strongly.

*T.V.A planting; no record of specific trees
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[From "Experiences with tree crops in Meigs County, Tennessee."
39th Annual Report of the Northern Nut Growers Assn., 1948.
Pp. 88-91. The following is found on P. 90 of the report.]

"Of the Chinese chestnut, I planted about a hundred, but I planted them in a cut-over woodland that was full of native chestnut sprouts. You know how the chestnut sprouts will do. They grow up and blight out and die down, and another sprout comes from the stump. They have been doing that for 30 years over in my part of the country. I planted these chestnuts purposely in that grove where there was lots of blight. Out of that hundred I have eight trees that are alive. The rest of them have died from blight. They are bearing very nicely, but I haven't learned how to care for those fruits so that they are good a long period of time. So someone just told me that you had someone on the program this morning who would tell us that."