

It would also seem desirable that this wheat be grown in areas of sufficient size to produce a car load, in order to avoid possible difficulties in marketing smaller quantities.

#### MARKET.

When Durum wheat was first introduced into the United States it was thought that the principal demand would come from American and foreign mills engaged in the manufacture of macaroni and little or no attention was given the possibility of utilizing the flour for bread making. Soon after its introduction attention was called to its suitability for this purpose and its use was strongly encouraged. The development of the market has been slow, due mainly to the opposition on the part of the millers. However, the use of Durum flour has constantly increased in spite of this objection.

Since 1908 the price of Durum wheat in the United States steadily increased, reaching its highest point in 1912 with a premium over the best grades of common wheat. So long as the price did not drop more than 3 to 5 cents below that of common wheat Durum wheat could be grown at a greater profit, where adapted, than common wheat because of its greater yield. The price in the United States during the war was exactly the same as for common hard spring wheats. A market for it in Canada in any quantity, however, is non-existent. It is not probable that it can be grown here at a profit over common wheats unless it is to have free access to the American market. If this is not insured a home or European market will have to be found or the price will be low. No good market for it existed in the United States until it was grown there. The same may be true in Canada.

While the Department of Field Husbandry does not recommend this variety unconditionally it feels that there is sufficient evidence to warrant extensive trials in southern and southwestern Saskatchewan where the season is more prolonged and where high winds and droughts are common. In the meantime the question of a suitable market can be looked into and the relative values of this and our common wheats as expressed in prices paid may be further studied.