

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN AND POTATOES

From the Central Experimental Farm.
Ottawa, 1910-1911.

By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the Experimental Farms at Indian Head, Sask., Brandon, Man., and Ottawa, Ont. The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, Indian corn (for ensilage only) and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is 4 pounds, and of wheat or barley 5 pounds, sufficient in each case to sow one twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn, peas and potatoes weigh 3 lbs. each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution—

Oats—Banner, Abundance, Danish Island, Wide-Awake, Thousand Dollar, Improved Ligowo—all white varieties.

Wheat—Red varieties: Marquis and Early Red Fife (early beardless sorts of high baking strength), Red Fife (beardless), Preston and Huron (early, bearded). White varieties: White Fife (beardless), Bobs (early, beardless).

Barley—Six-rowed: Mensury and Manchurian (a selection from Mensury). Two-rowed: Standwell and Invincible.

Field Peas—Arthur and Golden Vine.

Indian Corn (for ensilage)—Early sorts: Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early and Longfellow. Later varieties: Selected Leaming, Early Mastodon, and White Cap Yellow Dent.

Potatoes—Early varieties, Rochester Rose and Irish Cobbler. Medium to late varieties: Gold Coin, Carman No. 1, and Money Maker. The later varieties are, as a rule, more productive than the earlier kinds.

Only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn or potatoes. Applications on printed cards or sheets, or lists of names from one individual, or applications for more than one sample for one household, cannot be entertained. The samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time from the first of December to the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time. Applicants should mention the varieties they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed until danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail addressed to the Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director of Experimental Farms.

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