

BEARDED WHEAT.—At the weekly Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr. Halcomb, of Poulton, near Mariborough, reported to the Council the success with which he had cultivated a new variety of bearded spring wheat, adapted for soils not suited to barley, or for late sowing after turnips, from seed furnished to him by Mr. Elliot, of Jedburg, in 1843, originally obtained from Mr. Dickson, of Hawick, by whom it had been introduced into Scotland from Russia. Mr. Halcomb put a portion of this seed into the ground on the 18th of March, and the remainder into an adjoining piece of the same land on the 3rd of April, after a crop of turnips fed off by sheep, and ploughed for seed early in March. The earlier sown was reaped on the 15th August, and the later sown on the 18th of the same month, having begun also at the latter date to reap his autumn-sown wheat. Apparently there was no difference in these crops; but on threshing them the produce of the autumn-sown proved to be only 33 bushels per acre, while that of the spring-sown was forty bushels.—He had sown his new spring variety every year since, and had generally the same quantity per acre as from the autumn-sown wheat. He had never found the crop deficient, excepting when he had been unable to get a fine tilth, after feeding off turnips with sheep, with a subsequent dry summer. In a trial last spring, Mr. Halcomb grew in the former case, from 2 bushels of seed per acre, 32 bushels; and in the latter, from 3 bushels of seed per acre, on the adjoining ridge and sown at the same time, 40 bushels of grain, which proved, to his surprise, of superior weight by 7lb. per sack. He had never grown more than 41 bushels per acre of this wheat, but he had been told by other parties of their having grown, on superior land, 48 bushels, and, in one instance, 56 bushels. The price of this new variety in Devizes market was usually rather above that of the autumn wheats. Mr. Halcomb conceived that its greatest advantage would be found in its suitability for soils subject to blight. The last season, on land where the autumn wheats were scarcely worth cutting, the "April" wheat, to which Mr. Halcomb then called the attention of the council, was estimated at 40 bushels per acre. He thought, also, that from its early maturity it would be found serviceable for making good deficiencies of plant in the autumn-sown. The council ordered their thanks to be returned to Mr. Halcomb for the favour of his communication.

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