

The general way of growing onions: The land is ploughed and manured in the autumn. In the spring we harrow, and pulverize the ground well; I use the Acme harrow and find it the best. For sowing I use a Matthews seed drill, using four pounds of seed per arpent. The past two seasons I have given the weeding out by contract, fifty dollars per arpent to keep them clean for the season. Our average crop is about one hundred and fifty barrels per arpent; I have often had two hundred.

The cost of the crop amounts to:

4 lb. seed at \$2.00 per lb	\$ 8 00	
Manure	25 00	
Ploughing and harrowing	2 00	
Weeding	50 00	
Harvesting	10 00	
150 bbls. at 25c. each	37 50	
Packing and marketing	10 00	
Rent of land	20 00	
		\$162 50
150 bbls. onions, \$1.75 per bbl.....		262 50
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Profit		\$100 00

The best varieties for profit are the Early Red, Large Red Wethersfield, Yellow Danvers and Yellow Globe Danvers. In a dry season like this, it is best to keep the ground loose, it will prevent cracking and assist in checking evaporation. In some small gardens, I have seen much time taken up in watering, that could have been more profitably employed in loosening the surface soil and letting the moisture rise from the sub-soil.

Sow the seed as early in spring as possible. There are hardly ever any thick necks in onions sown in April, while those sown at the end of May are often a failure with them.

It is better to fertilize one acre thoroughly than spread the same quantity of manure over two acres, for it costs as much to weed and care for one acre in poor soil as for one acre in rich, and you can take as heavy a crop off one acre of heavily manured land, as you will of two acres of land lightly manured.

Some of my neighbors have grown from 1000 to 1500 bbls. of onions.

Dr. Grignon.—Can we cultivate with advantage onions in the mountains in the north?

Mr. Brodie.—I think so. I know that in the townships they are not able to compete with us. At Compton and around Sherbrooke they cannot succeed with onions.

Mr. ———.—Can a rocky soil produce onions?

Mr. Brodie.—Yes.

Mr. Decarie.—You require a dry soil or a soil well drained. The onion we have grown for years is the Weathersfield, the ordinary red onion. Then we sowed yellow onions for distant markets. They keep better than the red.