

which have been tried without success in one portion of the land provided new facts as to the method of cultivation and adaptability to soils and climate are determined pointing to the possible success of the crop in special regions possessing the requisite natural environment. In such cases the endeavor to reestablish a decadent farming industry may best be undertaken with the assistance of the trained workers of the experiment stations. If these experimenters report favorably in regard to new or little known vegetables, grains, and field crops, a larger distribution can be made to bring the crop again to the attention of the farmer.

Because of the increasing scope of the work, due to the numerous seeds and plants procured, it is especially important that correspondents retain the original number under which the seed is distributed. The report blanks will bear numbers corresponding to those of the inventory. The information supplied by experimenters will, by following this system, become easily accessible.

The information given in regard to each of the following numbers has been compiled mainly from notes supplied by the explorer or by the person who donated or secured the seeds. We are especially indebted to Mr. W. T. Swingle and Mr. D. G. Fairchild for the very full descriptive notes which accompany their importations.

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