

## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This circular is made up largely from notes received from our agricultural explorers, foreign correspondents, cooperators and others relative to the more important plants which have been received recently by the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the Department of Agriculture. In it are also contained accounts of the behavior in America of plants previously introduced.

Descriptions which appear here are revised and published later in the Inventory of Seeds and Plants Imported.

Applications from Experimenters for plants or seeds described in these pages may be made to this Office at any time. As they are received requests are placed on file, and when the seeds or plants requested are ready for Experimenters, they are sent to those who seem best situated and best prepared to care for them.

However, not all the plants described herein are available. Some of them on arrival are sent direct to Experimenters or to specialists of the Department or of the State Experiment Stations. The remaining plants, with which extensive tests in this country are desired, are propagated at the Plant Introduction Gardens, and when they are ready for Experimenters they are listed in the Check Lists accompanying the ANNUAL CATALOGUE OF NEWLY INTRODUCED PLANTS, which is sent to cooperators each autumn. It is not necessary, however, to await the receipt of the catalogue should an Experimenter wish to apply for any of the plants here described.

One of the objects of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction is to secure experimental quantities of new or rare foreign seeds or plants for plant breeders and experimenters, and every effort will be made to fill specific requests.

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