

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This circular is made up principally of notes received from agricultural explorers, foreign collaborators, and correspondents, concerning the more important plants which have been received recently by the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction. It also contains reports on the behavior in the United States of plants which have been introduced in previous years.

Descriptions appearing in Plant Immigrants are revised and published later in the Inventory of Seeds and Plants Imported,--the permanent record of plant introductions made by this Office.

Plant Immigrants should be considered an ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARRIVAL OF PLANT MATERIAL. With the exception of seeds received in quantity, all material must be propagated before it is available for experimenters who desire to test it. This requires one to four years, depending upon the plant and the quantity of propagating material imported.

The Annual Catalogue of New Plant Introductions, issued in the autumn, describes briefly the plants which are ready for distribution. Applications for seeds or plants listed in Plant Immigrants may be sent at any time, however, and will be filed in the order of their receipt. When material is ready for distribution, these requests will first be given attention; if their number is sufficient to exhaust the available supply of a given species, it will not be included in the Annual Catalogue.

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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