

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO ALL EXPERIMENTERS.

It is desired to call the attention of experimenters and correspondents of this Office to the purpose of its various publications. Plant Immigrants is a monthly circular, designed to inform plant breeders and experimenters of the arrival of interesting material which may be available later; to report interesting results obtained with plants which have been distributed in past years; and to popularize, by means of special articles and illustrations, plants of particular interest or promise.

The permanent Inventory of Seeds and Plants Imported, which does not appear until a year or more after the receipt of plants which it describes, is an historical record of all introductions made by this Office. It also furnishes experimenters with such data as are available concerning the character of each species or variety, its origin, uses, and cultural requirements.

The Annual List of Plant Introductions, which is published toward the end of the year, and is sent to all cooperators, describes all species and varieties available for distribution. Requests for plant material should in general be based upon this list. When based upon the Inventory, which describes everything received, it is frequently impossible for us to fill them. Many introductions are eliminated in the first tests, and are not propagated for distribution; while our stocks of others have been exhausted by the time the Inventory is published.

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