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GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS SOLD IN CONNECTICUT IN 1908–1909.

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The first requisite to success in growing any crop is pure live seed. The farmer is often deceived even as to the quality of seed, like corn or onion, which he raises himself and knows to be new. Our experience, like that of all observers, has also shown that seeds offered for sale differ greatly both in purity and sprouting power. Often the farmer stocks down his land with pestilent weed seeds as well as grass, and sometimes sows with his clover the seeds of dodder, the greatest enemy of clover, or gets a poor and uneven stand because the seed he used had a low sprouting power. He can afford to pay an extra price for heavy, clean seed, nearly all of which sprouts. He cannot afford to take as a gift, dirty and weakly sprouting The time is coming when seedsmen will give and seed. buyers will require a guaranteed statement of purity and vitality; these to be fixed by laboratory tests and not by results in the field.

This Station undertakes, to the extent of its ability, to test seeds with reference to their purity and vitality, both for farmers and also for growers and dealers within the state, to the end that farm production may not be handicapped at the very start by inferior seed. Directions for sampling are given on page 13.

On following pages are given the results of tests made at this station of seeds from the Connecticut market during 1908-1909. The details of the tests appear in the tables on pages 14 to 26. The asterisks refer to special notes which will be found on page 14, numbered to correspond with the sample number in the table. The whole gives a fair picture of the state of our seed market in 1909 and its study should show the need of using great care in buying seed for the coming year.

^{*} All the tests of seeds reported in this paper and the identification of foreign seeds has been the work of Miss Jagger. The Director has assisted in preparing the work for publication.

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THE CLOVERS AND ALFALFA.

Alfalfa, clovers and vetches are being more generally used than formerly by farmers in Connecticut, as it is realized that these, or other legumes, are indispensable to keep and increase the fertility of our land and to reduce the amount of commercial fertilizers and of concentrated feeds which must be bought.

Red Clover Seed.

The clover seed sold in the state in 1908, which was grown in 1907, was very inferior. More than 380,000 bushels were imported to make up for a very short domestic crop and part of this, at least, was of low grade, full of weed seeds and often containing dodder, which is the most dangerous pest in clover fields. Of the fifty-one samples examined last year, three were grossly adulterated with the worthless black medic, forty-one contained dodder seed, two others germinated very poorly and only one-sixth of the whole number were fit to use. [Bulletin 160.]

Our domestic crop of red clover seed in 1908 was a good one and, chiefly in consequence of this, the fifty-two samples examined in the early part of 1909 were in general satisfactory. Some of them were sent by buyers and others by dealers. A part of the samples sent were too small to be quite representative. In some cases a determination of the exact amount of foreign matter was not made, because careful examination showed that it was too small to be significant.

The tests are given in detail in the table on page 16. With the exception of 5417, all the samples of medium and mammoth clover seed of which the percentage of purity is not given were fairly clean.

KESULTS OF LESTS OF MEDIUM KED	ULOVER .
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	In t	Standard.		
	Average.	Highest.	Lowest.	
Weight of 1,000 seeds, grams	1.58	1.90	1.38	1.5
Per cent. of pure seed by weight	95.9	99.8	77.2	. 98.0
Per cent. germinating by number	87.4	96.o	66.7	85.o
Viability*	83.8			83.3

*The viability is the percentage of pure seed which will germinate freely.

The vitality of the seed is somewhat greater than last year and the purity and viability nearly five and a half per cent. higher. Much better is the showing as regards dodder. In 1908, forty-one out of fifty-one samples contained much dodder* and were on that account alone unfit to use. In 1909 dodder was found in only six of the fifty-two samples. In 1908 three samples were grossly adulterated with a worthless seed, black medic. This year there is no evidence of adulteration. One sample, No. 5468, contains 39 per cent. of alsike and white clover. These would hardly be used as adulterants and were more likely accidental and careless admixtures. Another sample, No. 5437, with 10 per cent. of plantain seed, is unfit to use because poorly cleaned.

Nos. 5365, 5367 and 5369 represent red clover seed offered at the same time for \$10.40, \$10.15 and \$6.75 per 100 pounds respectively. Their viability was nearly alike, 88.1, 88.7, and 92.8 respectively. Samples of each were sown early in the spring to determine whether there was a difference in their growth which would make the higher priced seed more desirable. No difference was seen during the first season in vigor, height or size of the plants.

Dodder in Clover Seed. Two species are not uncommonly found, the European, Cuscuta Epithymum, and the field dodder, C. arvensis. Careful tests here corroborate the statement that the former grows well, but does not perfect seed in this region, while the latter seeds very freely. The former, however, has been, in our experience, more destructive to clover. The field dodder grows well on pigweed and purslane. Several complaints have come to us of damage from dodder in the seedings of 1908.

Alsike Clover.

The details in the table show that the average per cent. of pure seed was 93.7, a little lower than the provisional standard of 95. One sample, 5360, contained nearly 4 per cent. of sand and 10 per cent. of white clover and timothy, and another nearly 12 per cent. of these seeds.

The others were satisfactory as regards purity.

The average per cent. of germination was high, 85.4, and only one, 4961, was below the standard (75-80), in this regard.

^{*} For a description of this weed see Bulletin 160.

White Clover.

The five samples tested were quite pure, but two germinated poorly.

Crimson Clover.

Six samples were tested and while all were very clean and free from weed seed, one was practically worthless because only 30 per cent. sprouted, and of another only 60 per cent. would sprout.

Alfalfa.

In the last two or three years many fields have been sown with alfalfa in this state and in some cases with complete success. Much depends upon the purity and vitality of the seed. It is impossible to remedy a thin stand by patching with a fresh seeding; the whole piece must be turned over and reseeded.

Of the twenty-one samples described in the table, none had over 4.0 per cent. of foreign matter and the average amount was 2.1 per cent., which is very satisfactory. Two samples, however, had too low a germination, 66.7 and 69.8 per cent. respectively, and their use would certainly cause a partial failure.

One of these samples, and two with good germinating power, had dodder in them and on that account alone should be refused.

The average purity and vitality are but very little below the provisional standards which are 98 and 85 per cent. respectively.

The results may be summarized thus:

RESULTS OF TESTS OF ALFALFA SEED.

	Average.	Highest.	Lowest.	Standard.
Weight of 1,000 seeds, grams	2.05	2.22	1.75	
Per cent. of pure seed, by weight	97.9	99.0	96.0	98. o
Per cent. germinating by number	86.6	94.5	66.7	
Viability	84.5	93.0	65.9	85.0

MEADOW GRASSES.

Red Top.

Nineteen samples of red top have been examined. In some cases no exact determination was made of the amount of impurity. This work takes a great deal of time, because of the smallness of the seeds, which must be picked over one by

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one. It is usually unnecessary, for without going through the tedious work of separating and weighing them, a very careful examination will show whether the seed is fairly pure or is foul with weed seeds or dirt. Red top always contains chaff from the seeds, which cannot be wholly removed by cleaning, but some of the samples examined, as will be seen in the table, contained large percentages of foreign seeds, and two of them, Nos. 4993 and 4994, had 9.8 and 17.4 per cent. respectively, of what looked like finely ground quartz or glass.

Five of the nineteen contained from a quarter to a third of their weight of weed seeds, dirt and sand.

The average per cent. of pure seed was 80.7 (ten samples), but it ranged from 50.5 to 98.0. The average germination of eighteen samples was 79.7, ranging from 50.5 to 93.0.

Timothy Seed.

When hay is grown as a cash crop, clean timothy is preferred because it is most in demand in cities for horses. Fifty-one samples of timothy seed are reported in the table. They are almost without exception pure and clean. The average purity, 98.0 per cent., is that of the provisional standard for timothy, and the lowest percentage of purity found is 84.6.

Nos. 4945 and 4946 contained Canada blue grass and many weed seeds.

The main trouble with the timothy examined lay in its poor sprouting power. Thus of the fifty-one samples tested, sixteen, or nearly one-third, germinated below the provisional standard of 85 per cent. In three samples less than two-thirds of the seeds sprouted. They were therefore agriculturally worthless.

GARDEN SEEDS IN PACKAGES.

Persons having small garden patches commonly buy most or all of their vegetable seeds in small packages from what are known as "commission packages," *i. e.*, boxes put up by dealers in seeds which contain an assortment of the most commonly used garden varieties. The garden, cared for by members of the owner's family, contributes very materially to their support and its partial failure materially increases the cost of living. Fresh seed, true to name, is the first essential of success. Respon-

sibility for the quality of the seed rests primarily with the retail dealer, if he carries over his "commission packages" from one season to the next. Whoever puts up the packages is responsible if he does not take the same pains to put seed of good quality into these packages that he takes in supplying those who buy in larger quantities.

The comparatively few tests made of these seeds during the last season are enough to show that some of these "commission boxes" contain seeds which are agriculturally worthless and can bring only disappointment and loss to those who buy them.

In the spring of 1909 our agent bought eighty-three packages, representing seven varieties of garden seeds. These were put up by seventeen different firms and bought in different parts of the state.

D. M. Ferry & Co. and the D. Landreth Seed Co. state on their packages that the seed is grown as well as put up by them. In the other cases no such statement appears. The seeds of each dealer were taken from a single box. The names and addresses of the firms whose seeds were examined are as follows:

- F. T. Blish Hardware Co., So. Manchester.
- Cadwell & Jones, Hartford.

Crosman Bros., Rochester, N. Y.

A. H. Dunlap & Sons, Nashua, N. H.

D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

- J. H. Gregory & Son, Marblehead, Mass.
- Hamilton Hardware Corp., Waterbury. Hart, Welles & Co., Wethersfield.

- Lake Shore Seed Co., Dunkirk, N. Y.
- D. Landreth Seed Co., Bristol, Pa.
- E. M. Lyman & Son, Springfield, Mass.
- Lyon & Ewald, New London.
- Page Seed Co., Greene, N. Y.
- F. S. Platt Co., New Haven.
- J. B. Rice Seed Co., Cambridge, N. Y.
- Ross Bros., Worcester, Mass.
- J. M. Thorburn & Co., N. Y. City.

The results of the tests appear in detail in the table.

Lettuce.

Not less than 85 per cent. of lettuce seed should germinate. Six out of the fifteen package samples showed inferior germination and four at least were unfit for use. Sample 5501 seemed to be a mixture of fresh and old seed; 85 per cent. of the freshlooking seed sprouted and only 25 per cent. of the old seed.

Radish.

Ninety per cent. of radish seed should germinate. Only four samples germinated as high as this. Of the other thirteen samples, four were fairly good, the others quite inferior and four agriculturally worthless on account of low vitality.

Onion.

Seventy-five per cent. of Connecticut grown onion seed should germinate. Half of the samples examined fell below this standard and five were worthless.

Cucumber.

Eighty-five per cent. germination is the standard for this seed. Half of the samples equalled or exceeded this, the other half were inferior.

Muskmelon.

Of the twelve samples tested, five germinated 85 per cent. or more, and on the other hand, three samples germinated less than 50 per cent.

Watermelon.

Only seven samples were tested. Over 80 per cent. of the seed in three packages germinated and three others germinated less than 50 per cent. The package of E. M. Lyman & Son contains seeds of at least two varieties, quite different in size and color.

Examination of the table shows that all the samples tested from a single box of seeds put up by the Lake Shore Seed Co., J. B. Rice Seed Co. and E. M. Lyman & Son, had inferior germinating power. The same is true with a single exception of the box put up by Crosman Bros. On the other hand, all of the seeds put up by Thorburn & Co., Landreth Seed Co., F. S. Platt Co., Cadwell & Jones, were found to have good germinating power as far as tested.

The number of tests is quite too small to justify a judgment as to the general quality of seeds put up by any seedsman.

It is quite possible for the retailer to sell seed which has lain over in his hands from a previous year, and it may be that

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some samples were taken from such boxes. It appears, however, that some of the seed boxes from which small quantities of vegetable seeds are sold contain old and worthless stock.

Quantity of Seed in Packages.

The Hamilton Hardware Co. and Lyon & Ewald sold by the ounce. All the other seeds were in five-cent packages. The second column of the table, pages 23 to 26, gives the weight of seed in each package, and shows that in four of the varieties some packages contained three times the weight of seed found in others.

TESTS OF THE VITALITY OF VEGETABLE SEEDS SENT BY GROWERS, DEALERS OR PURCHASERS, 1907 TO 1909.

Within the period above named seven hundred and twentyone samples of field and garden seeds have been tested as to their sprouting capacity. A brief summary only of the results can here be given.

Comparison of the Vitality of Crops of Connecticut-Grown Onion Seed Less than One Year Old in the Years 1894-1908.

	1 ABLE	1VITALITY	OF	CROPS	OF	ONION	SEED.
				No. of S teste	ampl ed.	es	Average Percentag sprouted.
In	1894			2	5		82.9
	1895			13	3		85.5
	1896	• • • • • • • • • • • • • •		44	1		72.4
	1897			39)		77.9
	1898			68	3		69.3
	189 9			62	2		89.0
	1900		•••	77	7		88.5
	1901			60)		71.0
	1902			60)		80.6
	1903		•••	59)		62.0
	1904			42	2		80.4
	1905			37	7		78.6
	1906			62	2		77.2
	1907			24	ŀ		88.8
	1008			1 I C	,		74.5

Average for 15 consecutive years, 76.1 per cent.

The sprouting capacity of the onion seed raised in 1903 is much lower than that of this crop in any other year of which we have knowledge, and growers explain this by the exceptionally wet and cold summer season of that year.

The Sprouting Capacity of Different Varieties.

The average sprouting capacity of five varieties, of which a considerable number of samples have been tested, is as follows (only those samples are here included which were alleged to be less than one year old at the time of testing and were grown in Connecticut):

TABLE II.-SPROUTING CAPACITY OF DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF ONION SEED.

	No. of Samples tested.	Average Percentage of Sprouting Seed.
Yellow Globe	. 321	74.76
Red Globe	. 246	79.52
White Globe	. 172	78.63
White Portugal	. 32	70.02
Wethersfield Red	. 15	79.07

Vitality of Onion Seed as Affected by the Age of the Seed.

Since November 1, 1896, the Station has examined 1360 samples of onion seed of the crop of 1896 and of each succeeding crop. The results are summarized in the following table:

TABLE III.-VITALITY OF ONION SEED.

	Connecticut	Grown.	Cal. Grov	vn.
	No, of Samples.	Per cent Sprouted.	No. of Samples.	Per cent Sprouted.
Seed stated to be less than	1			
one year old	715	75.70	277	86.91
Seed stated to be between	L			
one and two years old	143	64.08	178	75.16
Seed stated to be between	1			
two and three years old	24	21.90	2021	57.38
Seed stated to be between	l .			
three and four years old	l T	59.50	I	10.00

It is quite clear that as a rule a larger percentage of Californiagrown onion seed germinates than of Connecticut-grown seed. It is also quite clear that, as a rule, onion seed one year old has a much lower sprouting capacity than new seed, though there

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are many exceptions to this. Seed from a good crop when one year old will sometimes germinate quite as well as new seed from an inferior crop.

Vitality of Sweet Corn Seed.

The following table gives the average, maximum and minimum vitality found in tests of Connecticut-grown sweet corn less than one year during the years 1904 to 1908:

,	No. of Samples tested.	Average Percentage by number of Seed sprouting.	Maximum,	Minimum.
Country Gentleman	18	87.3	100.0	59.0
Early Crosby less than one				
year old	12	93.5	100.0	77.0
Early Crosby one to two				
years old	4	63.6	85.0	42.0
Early Evergreen less than				
one year old	3	87.8	96.0	82.0
Early Evergreen one to				
two years old	I	91.0 ·		
"Evergreen" less than one				
year old	12	88.o		
"Evergreen" one to two				
years old	3	80.7	92.0	73.0
Acme Evergreen one to				
two years old	I	8o.o		
Hickox	3	89.3	96.0	83.0
Metropolitan	3	90.6	99.0	85.0
Old Colony less than one				
year old	4	80.8	95.0	57.0
Old Colony one to two				
years old	I	80.0	• • • •	
Old Colony two to three				
years old	I	45.0		
Stowell's Evergreen less				
than one year old	25	86.1	100.0	48.0
Stowell's Evergreen one to		*		
two years old	8	81.7	99.0	62.5
Early Dawn	I	96.0		

SUMMARY.

At present the grass, clover, alfalfa and vegetable seeds sold in the state differ greatly in quality; some of them being agriculturally worthless.

The use of poor seed dooms the crop to partial or complete failure at the start and the owner to disappointment and loss.

Loss of this kind can be avoided in most cases* by testing the seed before buying or planting. Some kinds, like corn, can be readily tested at home. Other and smaller seeds need facilities or skill which are not commonly available.

This Station will, to the limit of its ability, do this work of testing for the farmers of this state, when the results are likely to be of any general interest and value.

To give them value to the sender and to the public alike,

I. The sample should represent stock offered for sale in the state. A small sample sent by mail from some dealer at a distance is of no value unless he guarantees that the goods shipped shall be like the sample.

2. The sample should be described on a blank which will be supplied by the Station on request.

3. The sample should be so taken as to fairly represent the stock on hand. Carelessness or inaccuracy in this particular impairs or destroys the value of the Station's work.

Instructions for Sampling Seeds.

An accurate sample can be taken by following these directions.

I. Mix well together with the hand and arm the contents of the package (bag or barrel) of seed.

2. Take out five or six small handfuls or cupfuls[†] from
various parts of the package, mix these carefully together and take a part of this mixture for the sample.

3. Send of the smaller seeds—red top, white clover, timothy, etc., at least two (2) ounces; of beets, turnips, red clover, etc., four (4) ounces; of wheat and cereals, and of peas and other legumes, eight (8) ounces.

4. Samples may be sent by mail, so securely packed as to prevent leakage or loss, prepaid, *plainly labeled* with name and address of the sender, and addressed to

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New Haven, Conn.

As the test of germinating power requires some time for its completion, a report on samples cannot be ordinarily expected in less than two weeks from the time of their receipt.

^{*}Seeds of varieties like the different kinds of cabbage or of carrot cannot usually be distinguished from one another. Occasionally loss comes from planting an inferior variety which has been bought under the name of another and good variety.

[†]A small cup may be closed with the palm of the hand, forced down to the desired place, then filled and withdrawn.

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The examination of grass-mixtures can only be undertaken in special cases. It requires a large outlay of time and labor which is not often justified by the results.

NOTES ON SAMPLES OF CLOVER, ALFALFA AND GRASS SEEDS.

- 4847 Contains dodder.
- 4869 Contains dodder.
- 4913 Contains dodder.
- 4920 Pure seed with much chaff.
- 4939 Marked "red top and timothy." Only 1.6 per cent. of timothy found. Germination of red top only given.
- 4945 Much foreign seed. Canadian and Kentucky blue grass, cinquefoil.
- 4946 Much foreign seed. Canadian and Kentucky blue grass, bottle grass, pigweed, etc.
- 4947 Some Canadian and Kentucky blue grass and a few weeds.
- 4953 Clean seed, but worthless. No germination.
- 4954 Worthless because of low germination.
- 4961 The foreign matter is mostly white clover and timothy, no weeds.
- 4966 A few seeds of plantain.
- 4967 Much dodder.
- 4974 Eight kinds of weed seeds and much dodder.
- 4981 Seven kinds of weed seeds and much dodder.
- 4990 Much dodder.
- 4993 (Contain fine quartz grains, 9.8 per cent. in one, 17.4 per cent. in 4994) the other.
- 5332 Few seeds of bottle grass and Russian thistle.
- 5345 Few seeds of sorrel.
- 5360 10 per cent. of white clover and timothy; 3.8 per cent. of sand.
- 5361 Few seeds of bottle grass.
- 5371 $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of soft and broken seed.
- 5392 Dirt, chaff, seeds of yarrow and cinquefoil.
- 5399 Few seeds of bottle grass.
- 5404 5 per cent. of red clover.
- 5406 Contains considerable plantain seed.
- 5408 Dirt, chaff, seeds of cinquefoil.
- 5410 Some plantain seed and much cinquefoil; 66,000 weed seeds per pound.
- 5413 No. 1, 7,800 weed seeds to the pound.
- 5413 No. 2, 3,300 weed seeds to the pound. Seeds of alfalfa dodder.
- 5415 Dirt, chaff, seeds of yarrow.
- 5417 Two species of dodder.
- 5419 Few seeds of Russian thistle.
- 5422 Few seeds of Russian thistle.
- 5431 Plantain and crab grass; 9,720 weed seeds to the pound.
- 5437 16,435 seeds of plantain to the pound.
- 5438 Seeds of five weeds.

5440 Rather dirty, seed of cinquefoil, pepper grass and plantain.

5448 Dirty, much seed of cinquefoil.

5454 38.4 per cent. of dirt; II.I per cent. of seed of sedge.

5459 Few seeds of sorrel.
5460 Two species of dodder; 38,000 weed seeds to the pound.

5468 This is clearly an accidental mixture of 42 per cent. of mammoth clover, 39.4 per cent. of white clover and some alsike.

5571 Clean seed but old.

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	Viability, Per cent.	1	57.6	74.2	82.I	88.1		:		87.4	h./0	1	04.4	94.4	89.4	87.0	88.I	88.7	92.8	86.9	93.5	89.0	89.3	85.4	90.06	86.4	87.8
-	Pure seed germina- tion, per cent.	0	66.7	82.7	85.0	90.2	75.3	0.00	00.5 2.5	د.70 ۲.88			02.0	0.00	91.0	88.o	88.5	89.5	93.0	92.5	94.0	90.5	89.5	87.0	91.5	89.5	91.0
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	Pure seed, per cent.		94.9 86.4	89.8	96.6	7.76		-	:	0	90.0h	1	00.4	08.4	98.3	98.9	9.66	99.2	99.8	94.0	99.5	98.4	90.8	98.2	1.99	90.6	96.5
	tooo seeds weigh, grams.		1.30 1.54	I.39	1.90	1.65	1.50 1.50	I.57	1.50 1.50	10.1		29.1	02.1	1.64 1.64	1.68	1.56	1.67	1.52	I.65	1.41	1.70	1.63	1.44	1.42	I.53	I.43	I.88
	Dealer.		D. B. Wilson Co., Waterbury		H. Nungesser & Co., N. Y.	Northrop, King & Co., Minn.				J. A. Salzer Seed CO., Lacrosse, Wis			I E Wing Bro Seed Co., M'ch'csh'g, O.		Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport		H. Nungesser & Co., N. Y.		Willson & Eaton Co., Wassaic, N. Y			C. W. Campbell & Co., Westerly, R. I			E. W. Conklin & Son, N. Y		
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Viability, per cent,	888.4 880.3 60.9	69.7 91.0 95.1 90.6
Pure seed germina- tion, per cent,	$\begin{array}{c} 7.8\\ 7.8\\ 8.8\\ 8.9\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5\\ 7.5$	92.5 92.5 92.5 90.0
Impuri- ties, per cent.	2.5 8 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	11.7* 1.6 0.4 0.9 42.1*
Pure seed, per cent.	89.3 77.2	88.3 88.3 98.4 99.1 99.1
Rteme. weikh, 1000 seeds	1.68 1.68 1.65 1.65 1.65 1.65 1.65 1.65 1.65 1.53 1.53 1.53 1.55 1.55 1.55 1.55 1.5	1.46 1.59 1.57 1.57 1.67 1.67 1.60 1.60
Dealer.	 F. T. Blish H'd'w. Co., So. Manchester B. S. Carrier, Highland Park B. S. Carrier, Highland Park Whiney Eckstein Seed Co., N. Y. W. H. Small & Co., Evansville, Ind Ross Bros & Co., Worcester, Mass Whitney, Eckstein S'd Co., Buffalo, N. Y. S. Bash & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. F. F. Hitchcock, Woodbury M. Phillips Seed Co., Toledo, O. Willson & Eaton, Wassaic, N. Y. 	 F. C. Bidwell & Co., Windsor Locks J. E. Wing Bro. Seed Co., M'ch'csb'g, O K. W. Conklin & Son, N. Y. S. Bash & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.
Sent by	Red Clover Seed-Concluded. William R. French, Highland Park Cadwell & Jones, Hartford F. T. Blish H'd'w Co., So. Manchester C. D. Stillson, Stepney Depot William R. French, Highland Park F. T. Blish H'd'w Co., So. Manchester Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford Fry & Brown, Putnam Lyon & Ewald, New London Hitchcock Hardware Co., Watertown F. R. Dunn, Southington E. R. Dunn, Southington	Mamnoth Clover Seed. L. H. Bates, East Granby T. Griswold & Co., So. Wethersfield C. F. Taylor, Burnside A. M. Lewis, Southington A. M. Lewis, Southington G. H. Alford & Son, Willimantic Fred Lyman, Manchester D. L. Talcott, Torrington
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GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS.

84.0 80.7 91.1 79.7 92.9 85.3 86.8 0.77 74.9 86.2 63.5 54.7 77.2 80.3 53.4 70.5 79.1 1 Viability, per cent. ł 1 1 1 1 Pure seed germina-tion, per cent. 90.7 93.5 86.5 60.7 88.2 82.0 77.5 87.0 87.5 84.3 94.3 85.2 65.2 57.0 79.0 84.0 97.0 89.5 96.5 87.0 60.0 30.5 9.0* 13.8* 11.9* 8.4 6.0 4.1 4.8.7 *4.7 * * ! ! ! ! 5.8 5.9 4.0 Impuri-` ties, per cent, I.4 7.2 4.3 -----; ł ł 92.9 97.2 88.1 91.6 94.6 98.6 92.8 97.4 96.0 97.8 95.7 1.46 94.0 91.0 86.2 98.6 98.2 1 -----ł 1 Pure seed, 1000 seeds weigh, grams. ł ł Ì 1 Meriden Grain & Feed Co., Meriden F. S. Platt Co., New Haven E. E. Burwell, New Haven C. N. Codner, Oswego, N. Y. S. Bash & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. H. Phillips Seed Co., Toledo, O. Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport E. W. Conklin, N. Y. Ross Bros., Worcester, Mass. H. Nungesser & Co., N. Y. Whitney, Eckstein S'd Co., Buffalo, N. Y. ----Cadwell & Jones, Hartford Dealer. R. Dunn, Southington D. Woodruff & Sons, Orange ------E. R. Dunn, Southington
F. S. Bidwell & Co., Windsor Locks....
E. K. Dean, Amenia Union, N. Y..... R. Dunn, Southington G. H. Alford & Son, Willimantic Lyon & Ewald, New London Henry & Son, Wallingford..... F. Lyman, Manchester ones, Hartford..... -----H. T. Child, Woodstock Lewis, Southington 3 : :: Sent by Crimson Clover. White Clover. Clover. 3 : \$; : : 3 Alsike Cadwell & J : : : : W. A. I 'n 3 : : : r-i പ് Ś 5570 4963 5345 5360 4851 4863 4928 4961 4962 5366 5423 5459 5466 4735 4960 4965 5402 5436 5566 5567 5568 5571 5572 station No.

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	Viability, per cent.	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	73.6 73.0 87.7 93.0 87.7 90.1 73.6 73.6	+ 6
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	Pure seed, per cent.	97.5 97.5 97.5 97.5 97.5 97.5 97.5 97.5	0.09 0.09 0.80	2
i I	tooo seeds grams. grams.	2.22 2.03 2.05 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.1	2.00 1.85 2.17 2.11 2.21 2.21	
	Dealer.	 W. W. Rawson & Co., Boston, Mass J. P. Barstow & Co., Norwich, Mass Thos. Halon Co., Chinook, Mont H. Nungesser & Co., N. Y. J. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wiss J. E. Wing Bro. Seed Co., Ohio J. E. Wing Bro. Seed Co., Ohio 	 S. D. Woodruff & Sons, Orange. J. E. Wing Bro. Seed Co., Ohio S. Bash & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. J. E. Wing Bro. Seed Co., Ohio W. W. Rawson & Co., Boston, Mass. 	* See note on page 14.
	Sent fly	 A. J. Benedict, Colebrook. H. T. Child, Woodstock J. K. Hall, Norwich. G. E. Lummis, Southington E. R. Dunn, Southington E. R. Dunn, Southington E. R. Dunn, Southington F. S. Plerpont, Georgetown F. S. Platt Co., New Haven 	 A. M. Lewis, Plantsville. F. S. Platt Co., New Haven Cadwell & Jones, Hartford Fred Lyman, Manchester W. H. Lee, Orange H. T. Child, Woodstock H. C. Child, Woodstock 	1 11/1 ha 11/1 ha 11/2 11/2 11/2 11/2 11/2 11/2 11/2 11/
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GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS.

Viability, Pet cent.	51.3 51.3 62.5 64.4 64.4 64.4 53.1	29. I	39.6	
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Pure seed, per cent.	84.8 84.8 69.3 96.7 71.2 75.1	79.3	94.0	
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Dealer.	Thos. Griswold & Co., Wethersfield Northrop, King & Co., Minn Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport Westerly, R. I., but not sold by them. E. W. Conklin & Son, N. Y. Ross Bros. & Co., Worcester, Mass. Ross Bros. & Co., Worcester, Mass. Whitney, Eckstein Seed Co., Buffalo, N. Y. S. Bash & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.	E. B. Clark Co., Milford	F. S. Platt & Co., New Haven	page 14. + Other than timoth
Sent by	Red Top-Concluded. F. W. Martin, Clark's Corners Stanley Svea Gr'n & Coal Co., New Britain F. W. Martin, Clark's Corners Stanley Svea Gr'n & Coal Co., New Britain J. F. Messell, Suffield J. H. Elwood, Greens Farms J. D. Avery, North Stonington C. S. Child, Woodstock G. H. Allord, Willimantic Perry & Brown, Putnam Lyon & Ewald, New London Lyon & Ewald, New London Fred Lyman, Manchester	Kentucky Blue Grass. Montgomery Phelps, New Haven	Hungarian Millet. Montgomery Phelps, New Haven	* See note on
Station No.	4939 4939 4993 5053 5358 5358 5358 5409 5440 5440 5443 5443 5443 5443 5443 5443	49 2 0	4917	

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Viability, per cent.	7.17	89.9	87.8 4.78	69.5 69.5	56.2	82.7	0.0/ 86.0	81.3	66.7	76.1	24.5	37.3	95.7	4.10	-+6	86, I	86.9	68.2	65.0	71.2	96.0	89.4	95.8	98.2	
Pure seed germina- tion, per cent.	72.5	0.16	88.2	90.7 82.2	65.0	90.5	2.17	82.2	68.0	7.77	2.5	37.5	0.06	0 I 0	1.00	86.7	89.0	70.0	666.7	71.7	96.3	89.8	96.0	98.5	
Impuri- ties, pe: cent.	1.0	1.2	0. 8 (15.4*	13.4*	8.6*	1.1	0.1	в.1	2,0	1.8*	0.4*	0.3	1.0 -	0.1	0.0	2.3	2.5	2.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	-
Pure seed. per cent.	0.00	98.8	99.2	99.0 84.6	86.6	91.4	90.9 9	0.06	98.2	98.0	98.2	9.66	99.7	99.3	0.46	99.4	67.7	97.5	97.5	99.4	2.66	9.66	99.8	99.7	
1000 seeds weigh, grams.	40	.360	.377	40 45 45	.40	.382	044.	.370	.350	.395	.365	.40	.40	.35	CoC.	300	.370	.36	.355	32	.42	.41	.412	.410	
Dealer.	Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport	Ross Bros., Worcester, Mass	W. W. Rawson & Co., Boston	F. Burr & Co., Middletown	D. B. Wilson & Co., Waterbury	Lyon & Ewald, New London	T. H. Fidredve.	Jordan Hardware Co., Willimantic	Stanley Svea Gr. & C. Co., New Britain	Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford	Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport	E. E. Burwell, New Haven.	O. H. Meeker, Danbury	Meecn & Moudard, Miduletown	Birdsev & Raven Meriden	Meriden Grain & Feed Co.	D. B. Wilson Co., Waterbury	E. W. Conklin & Son, Binghamton, N.Y.			Northrop, King & Co., Minn		C. N. Codner, Oswego, N. Y.	Wheeler & Co., Bridgeport	* See note on page 14.
Sent by	E. F. Elwood, Greens Farms	H. T. Child, Woodstock	Montromeru Dhelne Neur Henen	Montgomery Fuerps, New Liaven			· 王子子 医学说 计计算子 医子宫 化合合物 化合合物 化合合物 化合合物 化合合物 化合合物 化合合物 化合合										John H. Fay, West Cheshire	Hitchcock Hardware Co., Watertown	R. N. Peck, Newtown	F. W. Martin, Clark's Corners	J. F. Messell, Suffield	T. Griswold & Co., South Wethersfield.	E. R. Dunn, Southington	J. H. Elwood, Greens Farms	
Station No.	4850	4864]	4865	4916 - 4945 -	4946	4947	4040	4950	4951	4952 -	4953.	4954	4955	4950	4058	4959	4976	4980 1	4986 1	4992 l	5054 <u>]</u>	5133	5346	5357 [J	

GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS.

	Viability, per cent.	902 902 902 902 902 902 902 902
ď.	Pure seed germina- tion, per cent	96.83 96.83 96.83 92.58 92.58 92.58 92.53
nclude	Impuri- tica, per cent.	н 46.00 го 60.00 го
09— <i>C</i> (Pure seed, per cent.	99.8 99.9 99.9 99.4 99.4 99.4 99.4 99.4
908-19	1000 seeds weigh, grams.	44446844446666844466666646466666666666
D OR OFFERED IN CONNECTICUT, 1	Dealer.	 H. Nungesser & Co., New York. Willson & Eaton, Wassaic, N. Y. C. W. Campbell & Co., Westerly, R. I. E. W. Conklin, Binghamton, N. Y. E. W. Conklin, Binghamton, N. Y. H. B. Coger, Botsford. Whitney, Eckstein Seed Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Witney, Eckstein Seed Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Breck & Sons, Boston, Mass. E. W. Conklin & Son, Binghamton, N. Y. S. Bach & Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. Willson & Eaton, Wassaic, N. Y.
EXAMINATIONS OF SEEDS SOLD	Sent by	 F. S. Bidwell & Co., Windsor Locks E. K. Dean, Amenia Union, N. Y. F. S. Platt Co., New Haven F. S. Platt Co., New Haven C. S. Child, Woodstock G. H. Alford & Son, Willimantic G. H. Alford & Son, Willimantic G. B. Sillson, Stepney Depot Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford Perry & Brown, Putnam Lockwood & Palmer, Stamford Fred Lyman, Manchester Fred Lyman, Manchester Farmer's Supply & Roofing Co., Bridge-Farter F. R. Dunn, Southington N. Y.
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Weight of 100 seeds, grams.	2.62 2.75 2.13	2.30 2.30 2.30	2 08	2.35 2.71 2.49 2.66	2.53 3.07 2.88	
Weight of sample, grams.	3.96 9.51 7.41	7.12	9.14	6.03 6.03 9.24 4.24	9.57 5.45 20.83	6.28 5.24 5.35 3.35 2.83 6.71
Germina- tion, per cent.	67.0 88.5 85.0	90.1 55.0 73.0	97.5 42.0	63.0 63.0	03.5 96.0 70.5	99.0 100.0 82.5 95.0 71.0
Bought from	J. H. Cone, Hartford Cadwell & Jones, Hartford Woolley Hardware Co.	W. H. Ackley, East Hartford G. M. Williams Co., New London T. R. Sadd & Co., Willimantic	Lyon & Ewald, New London E. W. Hubbell Co., Saugatuck Farmers' Supply and Roofing Co.,	Birdsey & Raven, Meriden P. H. Callahan, Southington Hull's Hardware Co., Danbury F. T. Blish Hardware Co., South	Ranchester	 J. H. Cone, Hartford Cadwell & Iones, Hartford Cadwell & Iones, Hartford Woolley Hardware Co., Hartford W. H. Ackley, East Hartford G. M. Williams Co., New London T. R. Sadd & Co., Willimantic
Put up by	Page Seed Co Cadwell & Jones Hart, Welles & Co	Ross Bros. J. B. Rice Seed Co.	Lyon & Ewald Crosman Bros J. M. Thorburn & Co	A. H. Dunlap & Sons E. M. Lyman & Son D. Landreth Seed Co F. T. Blish Hardware Co.	F. S. Platt Co	Page Seed Co. Cadwell & Jones Hart, Welles & Co Ross Bros. J. R. Rice Seed Co Lake Shore Seed Co
Variety.	Cacumber. Page's Everbearing Long Green	Improved Long Green No. 56 Early White Spine Improved Long Green.	White Spine Early White Spine	Dunlap's Early Perfection Early White Spine Long Green Everbearing	Boston Pickling	Early Prizehead Silver Ball Early Prizehead Tennis Ball, Black Seeded, No. 19 Tennis Ball, White Seeded
Number.	5470 5475 5480 5480	5490 5495 5500	5505 5509 5514	5517 5528 5534 5538	5542 5549	5471 5476 5476 5490 5501

VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKAGES, 1909.

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VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKAGES, 1909-Continued.

Weight of 100 seeds, grams. .72 .87 .87 .87 .85 .88 .88 .88 .88 .88 .70 92 84 117 12 .I4 .14 14 14 .14 5 86. IO.J Weight of sample, grams. 8.42 3.28 4.29 3.16 9.13 9.16 8.76 8.93 8.00 8.00 9.62 9.15 8.12 4.05 9.25 8.43 3.03 3.81 4.26 8.47 Germina-55.0 92.0 87.5 96.0 75.0 53.0 97.0 68.5 86.0 ber cent. 49.5 88.0 46.5 99.5 98.5 98.5 100.0 13.0 66.0 45.5 50.5 tion, 100.0 C. H. Meeker, Danbury......
C. H. Meeker, Danbury......
E. M. Lyman & Son.....
P. H. Callahan, Southington
D. Landreth Seed Co.... Hull's Hardware Co., Danbury...
F. T. Blish Hardware Co., South Lyon & Ewald, New London E. H. Hubbell Co., Saugatuck.... Hart, Weilies & Co. Woolley Hardware Co., Hartford D. M. Ferry & Co. Hotchkiss Bros., Ansonia G. M. William's Co., New London T. R. Sadd & Co., Willimantic .. Lyon & Ewald, New London E. W. Hubbell Co., Saugatuck ... [. M. Thorburn & Co.... Farmer's Supply and Roofing Co., A. H. Dunlap & Sons.... Bridseport Meriden A. H. Dunlap & Sons ... Birdsey & Raven, Meriden Manchester W. H. Ackley, East Hartford Bought from J. H. Cone, Hartford Early Scarlet Short Top..... Lake Shore Seed Co..... Crosman Bros, Ross Bros. New White Tipped Scarlet Turnip J. B. Rice Seed Co. Large Black Spanish? Crosman Bros. Put up by Lyon & Ewald Early Scarlet Turnip, No. 27..... French Breakfast Early Round Deep Scarlet..... French Breakfast Crosman's New Improved Hanson -----Tomhannock Extra Deep Scarlet Turnip Early Round Scarlet Early Head Early Curled Silesia -------Simpson Curled Big Boston Dunlap's Home Garden Large Lettuce-Concluded. Early Scarlet Turnip Radish. Variety. 5543 5550 5510 5472 5477 5482 5482 5482 5502 5508 55 I I 5515 5519 5524 5518 5529 5535 5539 5492 5497 5506 5523 N nmper.

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Weight of 100 seeds, grams. I.35 .85 1.19 16. .43 3333 36 Weight of sample, grams, 4.27 10.37 5.63 4.58 7.17 6.2015.89 17.15 5.73 3.13 4.72 6.34 6.34 6.23 3.36 2.63 7.24 1.26 6.60 Germina-tion, per cent. 67.5 94.5 84.0 86.0 80.0 71.0 81.5 52.0 92.5 42.0 88.0 57.0 41.0 88.o 62.5 75.5 6.0 7.5 to.0 91.5 5489 |Premium Large Late Flat Dutch. |D. M. Ferry & Co...... |Hotchkiss Bros., Ansonia G. M. Williams Co., New London T. R. Sadd & Co., Willimantic... Manchester I. H. Cone, Hartford Woolley Hardware Co., Hartford Crosman Bros. O. H. Meeker, Danbury E. M. Lyman & Son..... P. H. Callahan, Southington F. S. Platt Co., New Haven -----Cadwell & Jones, Hartford Hotchkiss Bros., Ansonia W. H. Ackley, East Hartford ł A. H. Dunlap & Sons... Birdsey & Raven, Meriden F. T. Blish Hardware Co. F. T. Blish Hardware Co., South Lyon & Ewald, New London ... E. W. Hubbell Co., Saugatuck ... D. Landreth Seed Co.... [Hull's Hardware Co., Danbury. Bought from Manchester F. S. Platt Co. Lake Shore Seed Co. Lyon & Ewald Danvers Yellow Crosman Bros. Page Seed Co. Ross Bros. Cadwell & Jones..... . B. Rice Seed Co. Put up by French Breakfast Wethersfield Large Red Danvers Early Red Globe Early Long Scarlet S'p't Red Globe ţ Yellow Globe Danvers arge Yellow Danvers S'p't Red Globe. Wethersfield Large Red S'p't Red Globe Yellow Globe Danvers, No. 18 Radish-Concluded. Cabbage. Onion. Variety. 5540 5530 5536 5544 555 I 5503 5512 5520 Number. 5473 5478 5483 5483 5493 5498 5525 531 537 541

VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKAGES, 1909-Continued.

GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS.

VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKAGES, 1909-Concluded.

Weight of 100 seeds, grams.	.35											
Weight of sample, grams.	3.66 6.93	5.15 4.34	4 83 5 64 6 64	4.02	4.77 5.54 3.47	4.00 24.15	7.37	5.86	6.81	6.34	5.63	5.00 4.47
Germina- tion, per cent.	81.5 98.0	97.5 68.5	88.5 48.5 37.0	87.5	87.5 47.0 78.4	93.0 82.0	86.7	88.4	21.3	43.3	78.0	14.0 100.0
Bought from	F. S. Platt Co., New Haven Hamilton H'd'w Corp., Waterbury	J. H. Cone, Hartford Woolley Hardware Co., Hartford	Hotchkiss Bros., Ansonia G. M. Williams Co., New London T. R. Sadd & Co., Willimantic Farmer's Supply and Roofing Co	Bridgeport	Birdsey & Raven, Meriden O. H. Meeker, Danbury P. H. Callahan, Southington E. S. Dian. Co. Non. Harro	Hamilton H'd'w Corp., Waterbury	Cadwell & Jones, Hartford	W. H. Ackley, East Hartford	E. W. Hubbell Co., Saugatuck	Birdsey & Kaven, Meriden	O. H. Meeker, Danbury	F. H. Callahan, Southington F. S. Platt Co., New Haven
Put up by	F. S. Platt Co Hamilton H'dware Corp.	J. H. Gregory & Son Hart, Welles & Co	D. M. Ferry & Co J. B. Rice Seed Co Lake Shore Seed Co I. M. Thorburn & Co		A. H. Dunlap & Sons Crosman Bros E M. Lyman & Son	Hamilton H'dware Corp.	Cadwell & Jones	Ross Bros	Crosman Bros.	A. H. Dunlap & Sons	Crosman Bros.	E. M. Lyman & Son F. S. Platt Co.
Variety.	<i>Onion-Concluded.</i> Large Red Wethersfield Onion	Musk Melon. Golden Netted Gem. Skillman's Fine Netted	Defender	New Rocky Ford Early Netted	Gem	Muskmelon	Watermelon, Mountain Sweet	Phinney's Early	Peerless or Ice Cream	Early Sweetheart	Prize Jumbo or Jones	Kolb's Gem
Иитрег.	5552 5552	5474 5484	5488 5499 5504 5516	5521	5526 5532	5553	5479	5494	5513	5522	5527	5533 5546

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