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REPORT OF THE
DIVISION OF FORAGE PLANTS
FOR THE YEARS 1924 and 1925

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STANDARD HAY MIXTURE
Left: Without alfalfa. Right: With alfalfa.

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INTRODUCTION

The years 1924 and 1925 have seen a marked improvement in the apparatus used in securing absolute dry-matter determinations. The ordinary chemical methods were found to involve too much labour to adequately handle the large numbers of samples necessary for the successful carrying on of the various forage-crop projects on the Dominion Experimental Farms and Stations.

Satisfactory drying apparatus which will be described in the following pages has been designed and has been proven to be accurate, simple in operation, and speedy. During the first three months of its operation over twenty thousand absolute dry-matter determinations were made. The development of this apparatus, however, delayed the determinations necessary for the understanding of the 1924 data to such a late date that it was deemed advisable to include the data for 1924 and 1925 in one compilation.

No very pronounced deviations from average seasonal conditions were encountered in either the 1924 or 1925 growing seasons. As a consequence, the results recorded in this report can be accepted as a fair indication of what might be expected under average climatic conditions.

A new Assistant Agrostologist has been appointed in the person of Mr. S. E. Clarke, whose time will be occupied entirely with range investigations on the Canadian prairies. Some much needed investigational work is being begun in conjunction with the Field Husbandry Division of the Central Experimental Farm and with the ranchers themselves, which investigations should be productive of worth-while results.

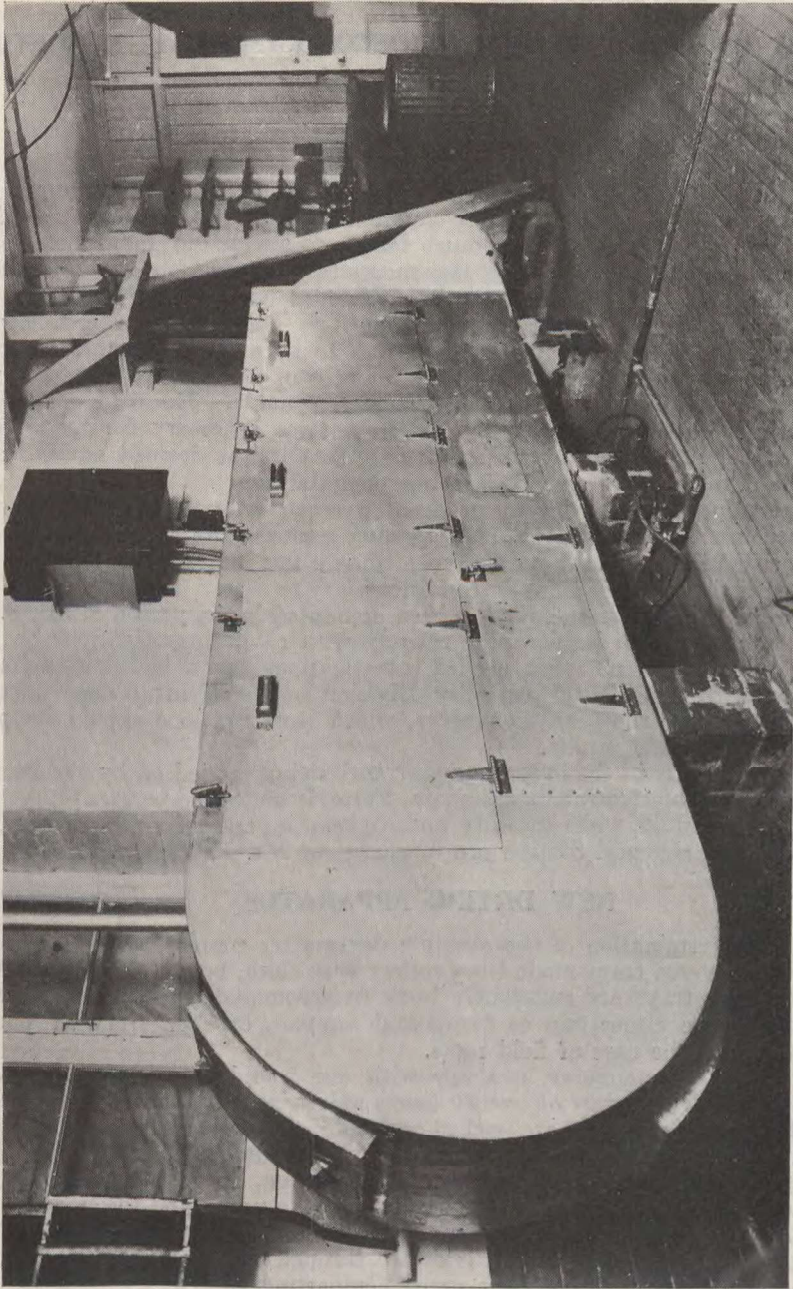
The greater part of the investigational work being carried on by the Forage Crop Division at the Central Experimental Farm, is under the personal direction of Mr. R. I. Hamilton, while the corn and soybean investigations carried out at the Harrow Experimental Station are in charge of Mr. F. Dimmock.

NEW DRYING APPARATUS

For the determination of the absolute dry-matter content, air-dry samples are placed in covered trays made from copper wire cloth, bound throughout with heavy tin. The trays are sufficiently large to accommodate the complete air-dry material from either two or five-pound samples, or even from ten-pound samples taken in the case of field roots.

The drier is rectangular in shape with one rounded end, the walls are constructed from two layers of twenty gauge galvanized iron, spaced two inches apart. The two-inch spaces are packed with mineral wool to increase the heat-retaining capacity of the machine. The interior is divided longitudinally into two compartments by a one inch insulated partition, space being left at the rounded end for a free circulation of air between the upper and lower compartments. At the opposite end of the machine a sirocco fan is connected with the drier in such a manner that the air is drawn through the lower compartment of the drier and delivered through the upper compartment.

This upper compartment is much larger than the lower and is fitted on either side with a number of narrow iron strips which support the trays during the drying process. Fifty trays can be accommodated in the machine at one time.



View of drying apparatus showing case, fan (covered) electrical control panel and scale.

This upper compartment is made of iron and is fitted with a number of narrow iron strips which support the wire mesh drying trays. This tray can be accommodated in the machine in any position.

These are arranged in tiers ten trays long and five trays deep with a space left both between the tiers and at each end of the trays.

In the lower compartment are two batteries of 500 watt Westinghouse strip-heaters which generate the heat required for the drying process. The temperature is regulated to a fine degree of accuracy by means of a thermostatic control. All that it is necessary for the operator to do is to set the hands of the regulating dial to the temperature or range of temperatures desired and the control system will automatically regulate.

At the rounded end of the drier are two doors, one at the top through which moist air may be expelled and the other opposite the lower compartment through which fresh air may be drawn. These doors are arranged so that as much or as little air as desired may be changed in the drier.

The machine has been carefully checked against the ordinary laboratory methods of drying and has been proven accurate in its work. With stationary air quite a few hours drying are necessary to expell all of the moisture from the samples under test, but with this machine, where a heavy forced draft is used, drying is accomplished in a remarkably short time. Practically all of the moisture is extracted from the ordinary air-dried fodder-samples in about one hour's time. However, in our operations samples were left in the oven for two hours to allow a wide safety-margin.

About two hundred samples constitute an average day's drying with the machine in question, but during a rush-period last December the machine was run continuously and five hundred samples every twenty-four hours were put through.

Two complete sets of trays are used with the machine so that one set of trays can be filled and labelled while the material in the duplicate set is being dried. This arrangement results in a minimum waste of time in refilling the machine, and consequently increases the day's output.

For the final weighings a standard model of Dayton scale was used. The chart on this scale is graduated to one-sixteenth of an ounce and can be read accurately to the nearest thirty-second of an ounce. The pointer with its hair line for accurate reading comes to rest very quickly so that little time is lost in securing a reading.

Given a standard weight of the shrinkage sample as harvested, each division on the chart of the scale corresponds to a definite percentage of dry matter in the sample being weighed. This relationship has been worked out separately in tabular form for two, five, and ten-pound shrinkage samples. All that it is necessary to do is to record the weight as indicated by the scale-pointer, then by reference to the portion of the table opposite the weight obtained to read off the percentage of dry matter in the sample concerned.

Extensive tables, which we hope to publish shortly are being prepared for translating various green weights at varying percentages into total tons and pounds per acre of both green and absolute dry material.

FIELD CORN

During the seasons of 1924 and 1925 the work conducted by the Division of Forage Plants at the Experimental Station, Harrow, Ont. has been made more extensive and considerably broadened in its scope as compared with that carried on previously.

The following lines of experimental work are being conducted with field corn.

VARIETY TESTING

Twenty-five varieties of corn were included in this test in 1924, while in 1925 twenty-four of the same varieties were tested. As seventeen of these varieties were also in the 1923 test, the following tables give the yields of fodder and grain for 1925, a three-year average for these varieties tested in all three years, and a two-year average for the remainder. All varieties were harvested for fodder when their cobs had reached, as nearly as possible, the glazed stage.

TABLE 1.—FIELD CORN—VARIETY TEST

Variety	Source	Yield of Grain per Acre for 1925 and Average							
		Days to maturity	As harvested				Moisture-free		
			Corn on cob			Corn on cob			
			1925	1925	Three-year average, 1923-1925		1925	Three-year average 1923-1925	
	bush.	bush.	tons	lb.	bush.	bush.	tons	lb.	
Lancaster	Hoffman	133	112.7	97.8	3	847	62.4	53.5	1 1,742
U.S. Selection No. 119	United States Dept. of Agriculture		101.5	†88.3	2	184	49.6	41.0	1 868
Burr Leaming	G. S. Carter	135	113.7	94.4	3	604	65.6	54.0	1 1,779
Silver King	A. C. Popp	127	99.5	79.3	2	1,552	58.3	46.7	1 269
Wisconsin No. 7	Experimental Station, Harrow, Ont.	126	97.3	85.9	3	39	56.9	50.0	1 1,500
Wisconsin No. 7	John Parks	126	97.1	*88.7	3	211	57.4	51.0	1 1,570
Leaming	John Parks	125	109.0	*93.3	3	536	63.3	51.6	1 1,612
White Cap Yellow Dent	Steele Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, Ont.	119	86.4	79.2	2	1,544	50.8	46.8	1 1,276
White Cap Yellow Dent	J. O. Duke, Ruthven, Ont.	121	94.9	81.0	2	1,672	57.7	48.6	1 1,402
Bailey	J. O. Duke	124	102.1	*88.0	3	162	61.5	51.3	1 1,591
Yellow Dent	A. J. Wimple	124	100.2	*89.7	3	284	55.8	49.3	1 1,451
Golden Glow	University of Wisconsin	120	84.8	75.9	2	1,323	50.1	44.2	1 1,094
Golden Glow	J. O. Duke	122	97.4	80.5	2	1,639	54.9	45.6	1 1,192
Cold Resistant	University of Wisconsin	122	95.7	79.6	2	1,570	54.5	44.4	1 1,108
Hybrid	A. J. Wimple	120	92.0	*85.1	2	1,958	45.6	43.5	1 1,045
Disco 90 Day White Dent	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	124	104.1	*93.1	3	338	55.6	50.4	1 1,528
Disco Northwestern Dent	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	114	81.0	69.8	2	887	48.2	41.0	1 870
Disco Pride Yellow Dent	Dakota Improved Seed Co.			†54.2	1	1,793		30.5	1 138
Amber Flint	A. J. Wimple	103	45.2	*43.4	1	1,037	26.4	24.8	- 1,736
Twitchell's Pride	Experimental Station, Fredericton, N.B.	105	56.5	48.8	1	1,414	32.9	29.6	1 72
King Philip	Wm. Rennie Seed Co., Toronto, Ont.	113	72.1	*68.1	2	769	44.3	39.4	1 758
North Dakota	Steele Briggs Seed Co.	115	96.0	77.9	2	1,452	53.5	44.9	1 1,143
Early Dent	Milton Backus, Chatham, Ont.	115	89.5	*73.7	2	1,160	49.1	40.3	1 821
Longfellow	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	114	80.0	72.5	2	1,069	46.8	42.1	1 947
Compton's Early	J. O. Duke	115	89.3	77.6	2	1,436	47.6	42.1	1 947

NOTES.—1 bushel corn on cob 70 lb.
1 bushel shelled corn 56 lb.
Add 12 p.c. moisture to moisture-free dry weight to obtain air-dry.

A glance at the three-year averages in table 1 shows that the highest yields of both grain and fodder were obtained from the Lancaster variety and the double-cross Burr Leaming. Unfortunately both of these require from seven to ten days longer to mature than Leaming and Wisconsin No. 7. This makes them somewhat late for even the longest-season districts of Canada. Some selection work is now being carried on with Lancaster in an endeavour to select out some earlier strains of this variety.

The lateness of the United States, Selection 119 is indicated by the low yield of grain obtained from this variety when reduced to absolute dry weight. It is entirely unsatisfactory for grain-production in Canada.

The average grain yields for the Leaming, Bailey and Wisconsin No. 7 varieties show there is little to choose between these varieties, and they all require approximately the same length of time to mature.

INTER-VARIETAL CROSSES

With the object of producing high-yielding hybrid corn suitable for those districts in Canada where the season is comparatively short, a number of different varieties of corn were artificially crossed in 1924. Twelve varieties, representing early, medium and late types of flint and dent corn, were used in this work. A sweet corn variety was also included. In all, over fifty different combinations were made, necessitating about 2,000 artificial pollinations.

TABLE 1.—FIELD CORN VARIETY TEST

Yield for Three Years Period, 1923-1925					Yield of Fodder per Acre 1925 and Three-Year Average, 1923-25					
dry weight					Fodder					
Shelled corn				Percent of total ear		Date cut	Green weight		Moisture-free dry weight	
1925	Three-year average 1923-1925			1925	3-year ave. 1923-25	1925	1925	3-year ave. 1923-25	1925	3-year ave. 1923-25
bush.	bush.	tons	lb.	bush.	bush.		tons	lb.	tons	lb.
65.4	54.4	1	1,046	83.79	81.37	Sept. 17.....	13	1,072	4	46
48.0	38.4	1	151	77.46	74.32	" 26.....	17	184	4	1,243
67.9	55.6	1	1,114	82.87	82.48	" 16.....	13	942	4	250
82.2	49.0	1	744	85.38	83.72	" 12.....	10	1,478	3	946
59.7	51.5	1	884	83.86	82.97	" 10.....	10	1,928	3	166
81.2	53.7	1	1,007	85.36	84.14	" 11.....	11	639	3	864
66.3	53.8	1	1,013	83.80	83.43	" 10.....	11	1,339	10	1,486
53.8	48.8	1	733	84.68	83.61	" 9.....	9	1,036	3	894
60.1	50.2	1	811	83.19	82.76	" 9.....	10	1,252	3	906
64.1	63.7	1	1,007	83.29	83.77	" 9.....	10	1,703	3	849
59.0	51.3	1	873	84.55	83.03	" 9.....	11	687	10	5
52.9	45.2	1	531	84.45	81.58	" 4.....	8	1,305	2	1,773
57.1	46.9	1	626	83.34	83.19	" 6.....	10	1,110	2	1,839
56.4	45.1	1	526	82.81	81.19	" 5.....	10	1,892	2	1,779
46.7	44.3	1	481	81.93	81.49	" 4.....	10	766	3	358
56.7	51.8	1	901	81.53	82.32	" 9.....	11	307	2	1,900
49.4	41.5	1	324	81.92	80.91	" 2.....	9	597	2	824
.....	32.1	..	1,798	.....	84.15	.....	..	.....	..	.....
26.7	24.9	..	1,394	80.95	80.40	Aug. 22.....	5	751	1	419
34.8	30.9	..	1,730	84.66	83.56	" 23.....	7	899	1	1,492
45.2	40.1	1	247	81.63	81.49	" 31.....	9	123	2	1,393
54.8	45.7	1	559	81.86	81.51	Sept. 3.....	13	1,262	3	1,071
49.9	41.1	1	302	81.30	81.60	" 3.....	11	414	3	795
48.7	42.8	1	397	83.31	81.17	" 3.....	11	414	3	266
48.4	42.1	1	358	81.3	79.97	" 5.....	12	702	3	1,025

†Average 2 years (1923 and 1925).

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The seed obtained was grown under test this year, the yield of the hybrids being compared with that of their parents.

The result of this test shows:

1. The yield of the hybrids exceeded that of both parents in some cases.
2. The yield of the hybrids was intermediate between that of the two parents in the majority of cases.
3. In crossing an early and late corn the yield of the hybrid was nearer to that of the later and higher-yielding parent than to that of the earlier and lower-yielding parent in most cases.
4. The hybrids were intermediate in time of maturity between the two parents, the date of maturity in most cases being closer to that of the earlier parent than the later parent.

Further work must be done with hybrid corn to determine which hybrids will give the best results, but the results of even this one year's test would indicate that a definite place may be found for hybrid corn in the shorter seasoned districts of Canada, where early maturing, high-yielding corn is desired in order to make the growing of this crop profitable.

Some results of the test are given in table 2.

TABLE 2.—INTER-VARIETAL CORN CROSSES

Varieties and crosses	Days to maturity	Yield of ears per acre (absolute dry weight)		Increase of hybrid	
		tons	lb.		lb.
Leaming.....	125	2	458	Over Leaming.....	100
Twitchell's Pride.....	102	1	928	" Twitchell's Pride...	1,630
Leaming x Twitchell's Pride.....	111	2	258		
Leaming.....	125	2	458	Over Leaming.....	116
Falconer.....	102	1	1,110	" Falconer.....	1,464
Leaming x Falconer.....	112	2	574		
Leaming.....	125	2	458	" Leaming.....	-1,143
Howe's Alberta Flint.....	90	..	1,212	" Howe's.....	+2,103
Leaming x Howe's.....	105				

BREEDING

In 1924 over 600 inbred strains of corn representing early medium and late types of both flint and dent varieties were again inbred, the process requiring the making of about 12,000 to 15,000 artificial pollinations. Selection at harvest time resulted in the elimination of about fifty per cent as undesirable. These included strains which showed susceptibility to lodging, to rust, to smut, to barrenness, etc., strains obviously of no further use as breeding material.

About 250 of the remaining strains were planted out in 1925, the inbreeding process necessitating the making of 5,000 to 6,000 artificial pollinations.

As segregation is still going on, selection was again made and strains possessing undesirable characters were eliminated. The remaining strains will be carried on for further work next year.

This work of breeding is being carried on with the expectation that when the strains are finally recombined or crossed, corn that will be more suitable for the different corn-growing districts of Canada, will be obtained.

CLASSIFICATION OF VARIETIES

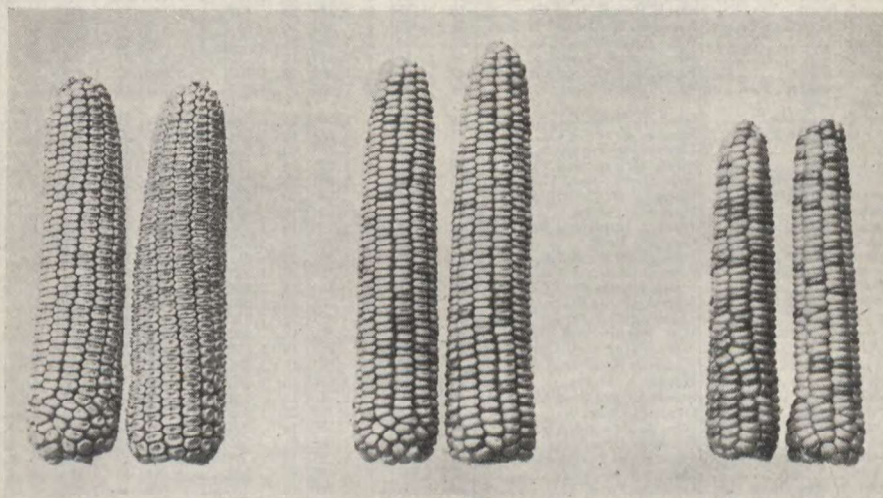
During 1924 and 1925 two hundred varieties of corn have been grown for the purpose of classifying the different varieties of corn grown in Canada. These included representatives of the commonly grown varieties, and were secured from as many different sources as possible throughout Canada and the United States. Accurate records of both plant- and ear-characters were taken, also the length of time required by each variety to mature.

It is hoped in this work to reduce the number of so-called corn varieties, by including all those exhibiting the same characters under one varietal name. The varieties will also be grouped according to the length of time taken to mature. This will enable a farmer, knowing the average length of his season, to choose a variety from among those included within the seasonal group corresponding in the number of days of his own particular season. He will thus have some assurance that the variety selected will do, within a reasonable degree, what is expected of it.

METHODS OF TESTING VARIETIES

In 1923 an experiment was begun to test the influence of one variety on another when planted side by side. This competitive influence is indicated by the yields of the varieties under test.

Three-row blocks of six varieties were used representing a fairly wide range of type and length of time to maturity. This test has now been continued for three years and the results so far have shown that competition does exist between varieties of different type and time of maturity when grown in rows side by side. The yields of the earlier varieties are affected adversely when grown in rows beside larger and later varieties, while the larger varieties show an increased yield when grown beside smaller varieties.



Left, Wisconsin No. 7; centre, Wisconsin No. 7 X Squaw; right, Squaw.

VARIETY TEST AT THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM

In 1924, one hundred and fifty-five, and in 1925, one hundred and forty-nine, lots of corn were tested for yield and general suitability. These lots of corn represent all the varieties and strains offered for sale in any commercial quantity in Canada. The tests with corn were made more inclusive than usual because of the necessity of obtaining as much data as possible that could be used in connection with the classification of Canadian-grown corn.

All plantings were made in quadruplicate and representative shrinkage samples were taken from each plot. The results are reported on an acre basis in terms of both green weight and absolute dry matter. The latter figures of course represent more accurately the relative values of the different lots.

TABLE 3.—VARIETY TEST OF FIELD CORN—Concluded

Variety	Source	Green yield per acre, 1924		Yield dry matter per acre, 1924		Green yield per acre, 1925		Yield dry matter per acre, 1925		Average green yield per acre, 1924-25		Average yield dry matter per acre, 1924-25	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Compton's Early.....	Kenneth McDonald & Sons.	32	126	4	1,780	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Early Eureka.....	John A. Bruce.....	33	389	4	1,332	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reid's Yellow Dent.....	Kenneth McDonald & Sons.	32	1,479	4	1,325	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Twitchell's Pride.....	G. M. Twitchell.....	30	1,457	4	1,274	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Early Compton.....	Wm. Ewing Seed Co.....	29	799	4	1,244	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smoky Dent.....	Kenneth McDonald & Sons.	28	835	4	1,182	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reid's Yellow Dent.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	30	1,514	4	781	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Improved Squaw.....	A. E. McKenzie Seed Co.....	17	1,163	3	1,558	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disco Pride Yellow Dent.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	19	1,793	3	1,224	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minnesota No. 13 (N.D. grown)	A. E. McKenzie.....	17	876	2	1,946	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dakota White Flint.....	Oscar Will & Co.....	17	522	2	1,523	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hall's Golden Nugget.....	Jos. Harris.....	..	..	..	..	30	1,282	6	481	..	..	..	..
Sweepstakes.....	Jos. Harris.....	..	..	..	..	28	1,698	6	281	..	..	..	..
Dakota White Flint.....	John A. Bruce.....	..	..	..	..	27	593	5	560	..	..	..	..
White Cap Yellow Dent.....	J. O. Duke.....	..	..	..	..	20	318	4	1,399	..	..	..	..
Silver King.....	University of Wisconsin.....	..	..	..	..	17	1,409	4	485	..	..	..	..
Disco Special.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	..	..	..	..	18	525	4	312	..	..	..	..
Davis Improved Early Huron	Jos. Harris.....	..	..	..	..	13	1,117	3	1,038	..	..	..	..
Minnesota No. 13 (Nebraska grown)	A. E. McKenzie Seed Co.....	..	..	..	..	22	559	3	1,917	..	..	..	..
Minnesota No. 13 (Minn. grown)	A. E. McKenzie Seed Co.....	..	..	..	..	16	956	3	1,704	..	..	..	..
Stowell's Evergreen.....	Steele Briggs Seed Co.....	..	..	..	..	22	678	3	1,684	..	..	..	..
Bailey.....	Dupuy and Ferguson.....	..	..	..	..	19	653	3	1,349	..	..	..	..
Longfellow.....	R. J. Johnston.....	..	..	..	..	16	1,753	3	750	..	..	..	..
Bailey.....	Darcy Bondy.....	..	..	..	..	14	940	3	716	..	..	..	..
Cold Resistant Golden Glow	University of Wisconsin.....	..	..	..	..	12	1,234	3	275	..	..	..	..
Alta Corn.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	..	..	..	..	12	1,863	3	123	..	..	..	..

It will be noticed in table 3 that the yields of both green and absolute dry matter are much higher in 1924 than in 1925. This is due to the fact that the 1924 planting was made on an exceptionally rich piece of bottom-land that had also received a heavy application of barnyard manure.

Perhaps the most striking thing about the yielding powers of the different lots, as represented by the average dry matter secured in 1924-25, is the wide divergence in yields secured from lots having the same variety name but secured from different sources. Thus, Northwestern Dent may vary as much as two weeks and a half in time of maturity and almost a ton in yield of dry matter per acre depending on the source from which it is secured. Many other varieties show the same tendency and indicate the necessity of a classification of corn which will give some recognition to the time of maturity of the different strains of the so-called varieties.

Another noteworthy feature of table 3 is the fact that a high yield of green material is not always associated with a correspondingly high yield of absolute dry matter per acre. A variety or strain of corn that will come reasonably near to maturity seems to be preferable to an apparently heavier yielding lot that sometimes does not even form ears. For the Ottawa district, varieties of the Longfellow type and maturity requirements seem to be quite satisfactory.

SOYBEANS

Seventeen varieties of soybeans were tested at the Harrow, Ont. Experimental Station in 1924, while twenty varieties were included in the test in 1925. In both years, the yields of fodder and of beans was obtained, the results for 1925 and the average for the two years being given in table 4. Apparently both weather and soil conditions were very favourable for production of fodder and beans in 1925 and the yields for that year are somewhat above the average. Further testing is necessary in order that definite conclusions as to the relative merits of the varieties can be drawn.

TABLE 4.—SOYBEANS—YIELD PER ACRE OF BEANS AND FODDER FOR 1925 AND AVERAGE FOR TWO YEARS, 1924-1925

Variety	Source	Days to maturity	Seasonal group	Relative position in group	Fodder				Seed				
					Green weight		Moisture-free dry weight		As harvested		Moisture-free dry weight		
					1925	Average 2 years, 1924-25	1925	Average 2 years, 1924-25	1925	Average 2 years, 1924-25	1925	Average 2 years, 1924-25	
No. 92 Ste. Annes	Macdonald College, Que.	111	2	1	3 425	3 247	1 1,485	1 1,477	bush.	13-3	bush.	11-9	11-7
Mandarin	United States Dept. of Agriculture	116	3	1	4 542	4 1,188	1 188	1 188	bush.	18-2	bush.	16-0	16-0
O. A. C. No. 81	Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph	118	3	2	5 713	4 1,133	1 1,133	1 298	bush.	17-8	bush.	17-9	15-8
Yellow 310	China	119	3	3	4 476	3 1,880	1 1,894	1 1,892	bush.	22-2	bush.	19-5	16-3
Summerland	Experimental Farm, Summerland, B. C.	119	3	3	6 1,156	5 745	1 673	1 438	bush.	16-6	bush.	14-6	13-4
Yellow 17	China	120	3	4	5 1,049	4 1,300	1 546	1 286	bush.	23-5	bush.	20-9	18-0
Black (China)	China	120	3	4	5 1,283	4 1,693	4 1,399	1 259	bush.	17-6	bush.	15-2	14-8
Chinaton Echo	China	120	3	4	5 1,621	4 1,507	1 761	1 192	bush.	20-0	bush.	17-4	15-4
Italian	(?)	120	3	4	7 335	.....	1 1,406	.....	bush.	30-9	bush.	27-0	.....
O. A. C. No. 211	J. O. Duke, Ruthven, Ont.	121	4	1	5 116	.....	1 703	.....	bush.	22-5	bush.	19-0	.....
Early Korean	China	121	4	1	6 1,078	5 647	1 617	1 425	bush.	24-3	bush.	21-1	18-7
Green	J. Noble, Harrow, Ont.	121	4	1	5 1,331	4 1,325	1 620	1 340	bush.	25-2	bush.	22-0	19-8
Manchu	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	122	4	2	6 1,758	5 1,172	1 1,440	1 765	bush.	31-2	bush.	27-0	21-8
Ito San	J. Noble	122	4	2	7 900	5 1,758	1 1,120	1 720	bush.	27-4	bush.	24-0	19-6
Black Eyebrow	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	122	4	2	7 1,465	6 78	1 1,238	1 802	bush.	34-5	bush.	30-0	23-6
Golden	J. Noble	123	4	3	7 238	5 1,444	1 1,238	1 842	bush.	32-9	bush.	29-0	22-7
A. K.	United States Dept. of Agriculture	128	5	1	7 779	.....	1 1,441	.....	bush.	29-7	bush.	26-0	.....
Hoosier	United States Dept. of Agriculture	132	5	2	8 1,589	.....	2 179	.....	bush.	35-4	bush.	30-0	.....
Hollybrook	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	133	5	3	6 1,058	5 962	1 1,103	1 849	bush.	24-7	bush.	20-0	16-9
Black Beauty	China ?	136	6	1	8 361	.....	1 1,629	.....	bush.	30-1	bush.	26-0	.....

NOTE.—Add 10 p. c. moisture to yields of moisture-free dry-weight seed to obtain air-dry-weight yields.

BROOM CORN

Four varieties of Broom Corn were grown at the Harrow, Ont. Experimental Station in 1924 and 1925 for the purpose of finding whether or not this crop could be successfully grown for raising brush for brooms and whisks. The varieties tested gave brush which might be suitable for making whisks. None of them, however, gave brush sufficiently long and desirable for the making of brooms. The seed of some extra-long brush varieties is being imported, and an endeavour will be made to develop types with sufficiently long brush for the manufacture of brooms.

SUNFLOWERS

Ten lots of sunflowers were tested in 1924, and eleven lots in 1925, ten of which were the same as those tested in 1924. These different lots were tested for yield of dry matter and general suitability. Table 5 gives the yield of both green material and total dry matter obtained from the various lots under test.

TABLE 5.—SUNFLOWER VARIETIES

Variety	Source	Green yield per acre, 1924		Yield dry matter per acre, 1924		Green yield per acre, 1925		Yield dry matter per acre, 1925		Average green yield per acre, 1924-25		Average yield dry matter per acre, 1924-25	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Manchurian.....	C.P.R.....	30	1,205	2	1,404	24	309	4	174	27	757	3	789
Russian Giant.....	Dakota Improved Seed Co..	25	1,904	2	1,009	31	1,131	4	182	28	1,518	3	596
Manteca.....	C.P.R.....	35	1,565	2	1,632	27	798	3	107	31	1,182	2	1,870
Black.....	C.P.R.....	30	1,317	2	194	28	1,123	3	1,363	29	1,220	2	1,779
Mixed.....	C.P.R.....	30	1,889	1	1,843	29	1,174	3	1,531	30	532	2	1,687
Mammoth Russian.....	K. McDonald & Son.....	24	1,193	1	1,911	28	813	3	1,314	26	1,003	2	1,613
Ottawa No. 76.....	C.E.F., Ottawa.....	25	1,562	2	37	25	1,602	3	705	25	1,582	2	1,371
Mammoth Russian.....	C.P.R.....	31	704	2	483	25	1,442	3	54	28	1,073	2	1,269
Manchurian.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	24	1,399	2	293	23	1,931	3	245	24	656	2	1,269
Mennonite.....	Rosthern Experimental Farm.....	21	347	1	1,485	16	442	1	1,977	18	1,395	1	1,731
Mammoth Russian.....	Wm. Ewing.....	..	..	..	..	30	687	4	82	..	..	..	..

The yields of dry matter secured as indicated by the average for 1924 and 1925 show that there is not a great deal of choice between the larger-growing types of sunflowers.

The published feeding-results to date do not indicate much difference between the feeding-values of sunflowers cut from the time that blossoming has commenced until the head is well on to maturity. This being the case, the variety that will develop as far as the blossoming stage and that will produce the heaviest yield of dry matter per acre would seem to be the best variety to grow. In most cases the Mammoth Russian (also called Giant Russian, Russian Giant, etc.) and Manchurian types will be found to be the best of the varieties of which seed is available commercially.

FIELD ROOTS

MANGELS

The classification of mangel varieties offered for sale in Canada was continued in 1924 and 1925. The same general principle was followed as was outlined in the 1923 Annual Report of the Forage Plant Division. A few minor corrections have been made in the different ratios established in 1923 for the mangel types, but the types as established still remain approximately the same.

Table 6 gives the relative yields and purity analyses of one hundred and seventy lots of mangels tested in 1924 and of one hundred and forty lots tested in 1925. The various types reported are those established by the classification submitted in 1923. The colours of skin and flesh were determined by direct comparison with those contained in Ridgeways Classification and Nomenclature of Colours.

TABLE 6.—VARIETY

Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of skin
						Above ground
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	John A. Bruce.....	84.1	132.3	108.2	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading to pale smoky gray.
Barres Oval.....	General Swedish Seed Co.	81.2	125.4	103.3	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading to pale smoky gray.
Yellow Intermediate....	Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.	100.0	100.0	100.0	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading to pale smoky gray.
(Mammoth) Long Red..	Harris McFayden.....	71.0	126.6	98.8	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Glove.....	K. McDonald & Sons...	106.2	88.6	97.4	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Rose Sugar.....	John A. Bruce.....	79.9	114.9	97.4	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Giant Sugar.....	Wm. Rennie.....	79.8	112.8	96.3	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Peerless.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	80.5	111.8	96.2	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Half Sugar.....	K. McDonald & Sons...	87.4	104.4	95.9	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Rosted Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann & Co.	77.1	114.6	95.9	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Red Half Sugar.....	Harris McFayden Co...	82.3	106.8	94.6	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Red Globe.....	John A. Bruce.....	81.7	106.5	94.1	Globe.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant White Feeding...	J. Buco.....	83.3	103.4	93.4	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Danish Sludstrup.....	Graham Bros.....	72.1	114.4	93.3	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading to pale smoky gray.
Royal Giant Sugar Beet	Steele Briggs.....	78.8	107.2	93.0	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Leviathan.....	Wm. Rennie.....	109.3	76.5	92.9	Intermediate.	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Improved Giant Sugar..	Wm. Rennie.....	90.2	95.1	92.7	Intermediate.	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Yellow Leviathan.....	John A. Bruce.....	64.0	120.7	92.4	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Large Yellow Globe...	John A. Bruce.....	66.1	118.6	92.4	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	Steele Briggs.....	100.9	82.5	91.7	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant White Sugar.....	Wm. Rennie.....	81.6	101.3	91.5	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Eckendorffer Yellow...	Hjalmar Hartmann & Co.	69.9	113.1	91.5	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Jumbo (white) Sugar Beet.	Wm. Rennie.....	92.6	90.1	91.4	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Long Red Mammoth...	Graham Bros.....	67.4	114.4	90.9	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Perfection Mammoth Long Red.	Wm. Rennie.....	92.6	88.7	90.7	Half Long....	
Yellow Globe.....	Dupuy & Ferguson...	51.1	130.1	90.6	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Globe...	Wm. Rennie.....	70.8	109.7	90.3	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.

TEST MANGELS

Colour of skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	5-13% Long, 2-56% Tankard, 0-85% Globe, 7-69 Prongy, 0-85% cracked, 4-27% off coloured, 1-97% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	6-67% Globe, 2-86% Long, 2-86% Tankard, 4-78% cracked, 3-81% off coloured, 0-95% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	4-27% Globe, 1-71% Long, 0-85% Tankard, 4-27% Prongy, 3-42% cracked, 2-56% off coloured, 0-85% multiple topped.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	12-37% Intermediate, 6-19% prongy, 1-03% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	8-96% Intermediate, 1-49% Tankard, 1-49% cracked, 2-24% off coloured.
White grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green, with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	13-43% Intermediate, 4-48% Long, 2-24% Tankard, 2-99% off coloured, 4-48% prongy, 3-73% cracked.
White grading into old rose	White	Forest Green, with Lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	9-56% Long, 8-82% Intermediate, 3-69% Tankard, 2-94% Globe, 0-74% cracked, 0-74% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	4-10% Long, 3-28% Globe, 1-64% Tankard, 2-46% off coloured, 1-64% multiple topped.
White grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	13-71% Intermediate, 5-65% Tankard, 1-61% Long, 7-28% prongy, 1-61% cracked, 4-03% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8-47% Long, 6-78% Tankard, 0-85% Globe, 1-69% prongy, 5-93% cracked, 1-69% off coloured.
White grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green, with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	18-46% Intermediate, 1-54% Long, 4-62% off coloured, 3-08% prongy, 0-77% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	7-50% Intermediate, 2-50% Tankard, 1-67% cracked, 1-67% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	8-82% Intermediate, 2-94% Long, 2-94% Half Sugar Rose, 1-47% Tankard, 0-74% Globe, 2-21% prongy, 0-74% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	11-22% Long, 6-12% Tankard, 6-12% prongy, 0-91% off coloured, 13-27% multiple topped, 2-04% cracked.
White grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stem showing tinge of old rose.	9-52% Intermediate, 3-17% Long, 0-79% Tankard, 3-17% prongy, 2-38% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	6-61% Long, 2-48% Tankard, 5-79% Globe, 3-81% prongy, 1-65% cracked, 1-65% multiple topped, 1-65% off coloured.
White grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	37-39% Intermediate, 5-22% Long, 1-74% prongy, 0-87% cracked, 0-87% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stem and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8-70% Globe, 6-96% Long, 1-74% Tankard, 8-70% prongy, 0-87% cracked, 6-09% off coloured, 6-96% multiple topped.
Flame scarlet.....	White with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	21-48% Intermediate, 7-41% Tankard, 0-74% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	16-15% Long, 4-62% Tankard, 2-31% Globe, 4-62% prongy, 2-31% cracked, 10-77% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	12% Intermediate, 8% Long, 5-60% Globe, 5-60% Tankard, 0-80% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	1-61% Long, 4-03% cracked.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	27-05% Intermediate, 4-92% Long, 2-46% Tankard, 1-84% Globe, 4-10% prongy, 1-84% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	11-11% Half-long, 6-35% Intermediate, 0-79% Half-long Yellow, 2-38% prongy, 1-59% cracked, 1-59% multiple topped, 21-09% Long, 2-34% Intermediate, 4-89% prongy, 0-78% cracked, 1-56% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange...	White, with traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	11-22% Tankard, 23-47% Intermediate, 9-18% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	23-31% Intermediate, 3-01% Tankard.

TABLE 6.—VARIETY TEST

Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of skin
						Above ground
Barres Half Long.....	General Swedish Seed Co.	92.7	87.9	90.3	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Eckendorffer....	General Swedish Seed Co.	84.4	95.4	89.9	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Leviathan.....	Steels Briggs.....	73.1	105.9	89.5	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Gatepost.....	John A. Bruce.....	85.8	92.2	89.0	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Red Sugar.....	John A. Bruce.....	77.6	98.9	88.3	Intermediate.	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Sugar Beet or Half Sugar White.	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	82.5	93.0	87.8	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
(Mammoth) Long Red.	Halifax Seed Co.....	74.4	100.8	87.6	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Prize Long Red.	K. McDonald.....	86.2	88.8	87.5	.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant White Half Sugar	Wm. Ewing.....	71.5	102.5	87.0	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Red Globe.....	Wm. Ewing.....	71.6	100.6	86.1	Globe.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Champion Yellow Globe	Graham Bros.....	81.9	89.4	85.7	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Halifax Seed Co.....	82.1	89.0	85.6	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
White Red Top Half Sugar.	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	84.2	87.0	85.6	Half Long....	Old rose grading into Japan rose, and pale smoky gray.
Eclipse.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	70.3	100.6	85.5	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Elvetban Mammoth....	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	65.1	105.8	85.5	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Danish Sludstrup.....	Wm. Ewing.....	77.6	92.7	85.2	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Long Yellow.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	71.7	98.5	85.1	Long.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Devon Yellow Globe....	Suttons, England.....	72.0	98.1	85.1	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Svalof Original Alfa....	General Swedish Seed Co.	79.8	90.2	85.0	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Red Intermediate.	John A. Bruce.....	84.3	85.5	84.9	Intermediate.	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Long Red Mammoth....	Wm. Ewing.....	71.5	98.3	84.9	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Ideal.....	Wm. Rennie.....	80.0	89.8	84.0	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.
Monarch Sugar.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	84.3	85.2	84.8	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Wm. Rennie.....	85.2	83.9	84.6	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Globe.....	Suttons.....	61.8	106.4	84.0	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Intermediate....	Suttons.....	70.0	97.3	83.7	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ochre, grading into pale smoky gray.

MANGELS—Continued

Colour of skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	4.84% Long, 2.42% prongy, 1.61% cracked, 4.03% off coloured, 1.61% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	0.94% Intermediate, 0.94% cracked, 2.83% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	5.13% Tankard, 2.56% Long, 2.56% Globe, 2.56% Half Long, 1.92% cracked, 5.13% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	16.22% Intermediate, 5.41% prongy, 0.90% Tankard, 0.90% Half Sugar White.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	15.91% Half Long, 3.79% Globe, 1.52% Tankard, 0.76% Long, 3.79% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	25.38% Intermediate, 14.62% Globe, 1.54% Rose Intermediate, 0.77% Yellow Intermediate, 5.38% prongy, 3.08% multiple topped, 2.31% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	8.45% Half Long, 2.82% Tankard, 0.70% Globe, 0.70% Intermediate, 4.93% prongy, 0.70% cracked, 0.94% Tankard, 2.83% multiple topped.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	25.47% Long, 20.75% Half Long, 6.60% Intermediate, 0.90% Half Long Rose, 0.94% Intermediate Rose, 0.94% Yellow Intermediate, 0.94% Intermediate White, 0.94% prongy.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	19.71% Intermediate, 8.76% Long, 1.46% Tankard, 2.19% prongy, 1.46% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	0.82% Tankard, 0.82% Flat, 0.82% prongy, 1.64% cracked, 13.93% Intermediate.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	12.41% Intermediate, 0.69% Tankard, 2.07% cracked, 0.69% multiple topped.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	13.85% Long, 2.31% Tankard, 2.31% Globe, 2.31% prongy, 1.54% off coloured, 0.77% cracked, 1.54% multiple topped.
White, grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	6.67% Long, 2.22% Intermediate, 1.48% Tankard, 0.74% Globe, 5.19% prongy, 1.48% cracked, 2.22% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	2.73% Intermediate, 1.82% cracked, 0.91% multiple topped.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	14.29% Intermediate, 0.75% Intermediate White, 1.50% Globe, 8.27% prongy, 0.75% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	11.02% Long, 4.24% Globe, 9.32% prongy, 7.63% off coloured, 1.69% Swiss Chard, 2.54% multiple topped, 1.69% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	5.80% Half Long, 0.72% Tankard, 4.40% prongy, 2.17% off coloured, 1.45% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	17.91% Intermediate, 8.21% Tankard, 3.73% cracked.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	11.11% Intermediate, 6.35% Globe, 5.56% Long, 0.79% Tankard, 3.97% prongy.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	6.30% Long, 4.72% Globe, 3.15% Tankard, 0.79% prongy, 3.94% cracked, 0.79% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	5.33% Intermediate, 3.33% prongy, 0.67% Globe.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	0.78% Globe, 0.78% Tankard, 1.55% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	14.39% Intermediate, 6.82% Half Long Rose, 4.55% Long, 0.78% Globe, 5.20% prongy, 1.52% cracked.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	4.97% Tankard, 3.11% Long, 1.86% Long.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	6.02% Intermediate, 2.25% Tankard, 3.78% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	3.97% Globe, 3.31% Long, 2.65% Tankard, 1.99% off coloured.

TABLE 6.—VARIETY TEST

Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of skin
						Above ground
Giant White Feeding...	Wm. Rennie.....	75.2	91.9	83.6	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
New Ideal.....	Steele Briggs.....	86.7	79.1	82.9	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
White Green Top Half Sugar.	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	62.8	101.2	82.0	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Long Red...	Suttons.....	62.5	101.0	81.8	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Fjerritslev Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	72.2	91.4	81.8	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Sugar White.....	Graham Bros.....	75.1	88.0	81.6	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Danish Sludstrup.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	78.5	83.8	81.2	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Red Globe.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	69.9	92.0	81.0	Globe.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	80.0	82.0	81.0	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Long Red...	Steele Briggs.....	54.9	106.8	80.9	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Improved Tankard Cream.	Wm. Rennie.....	72.9	88.5	80.7	.....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant White Sugar.....	Steele Briggs.....	67.6	93.5	80.6	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Sugar Rose.....	Graham Bros.....	73.3	87.4	80.4	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose, and pale smoky gray.
Golden Giant Intermediate.	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	71.4	88.5	80.0	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	86.8	72.5	79.7	Tankard.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Globe...	Steele Briggs.....	64.2	94.3	79.3	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Sugar Mangold.....	Suttons, England.....	77.5	81.1	79.3	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Prize Mammoth Long Red.	Steele Briggs.....	66.7	91.6	79.2	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Red Eckendorffer.....	General Swedish Seed Co.	71.9	86.2	79.1	Tankard.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Sludstrup Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	67.3	90.5	78.9	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	John A. Bruce.....	58.6	97.7	78.2	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Taaroje Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.	85.2	71.0	78.1	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
(Giant) Long Red.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	72.4	82.4	77.4	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Eckendorffer Red.....	Hjalmar Hartmann & Co.	86.4	67.0	76.7	Tankard.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Long Yellow.....	Wm. Ewing.....	72.3	80.9	76.6	Long.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Wm. Ewing.....	84.1	68.3	76.2	Tankard.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Manitoba Giant Yellow.	A. E. McKenzie.....	62.0	90.1	76.1	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Select Giant White Sugar.	Ralph Moore.....	65.0	87.2	76.1	Half Long....	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Special Yellow Globe...	Suttons.....	75.7	76.5	76.1	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.

MANGELS—Continued

Colour of skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	25.20% Intermediate, 7.09% Long, 2.36% Globe, 2.36% prongy, 0.79% Tankard, 3.16% Red Tankard, 1.05% Long.
Wax Yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	20.51% Tankard, 2.56% Red Tankard, 19.66% Intermediate, 2.59% Globe, 2.56% prongy, 1.71% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	4.32% Intermediate, 2.88% prongy, 2.16% cracked, 2.16% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	2.90% Long, 3.62% Tankard, 2.17% Globe, 2.90% cracked, 1.45% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	16.43% Intermediate, 2.14% Globe, 2.14% Long, 1.43% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	25.41% Tankard, 4.10% Long, 2.46% Globe, 6.56% prongy, 2.46% cracked, 0.82% multiple topped, 3.28% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	7.66% Intermediate, 2.52% cracked, 0.84% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	9.61% Tankard, 1.80% Globe, 0.90% prongy, 0.90% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	5.63% Intermediate, 2.11% prongy, 0.70% Tankard.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	25.85% Half Long, 10.20% Intermediate, 10.20% Long, 2.04% Tankard, 3.40% cracked, 0.68% prongy, 0.68% Globe, 20% Intermediate, 8.33% Long, 4.17% Tankard, 1.67% Globe, 5% prongy, 4.17% cracked.
White, grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green, with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	21.68% Intermediate, 5.59% Long, 3.50% Tankard, 2.10% cracked, 1.40% prongy.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	10.83% Long, 2.50% Tankard, 0.83% prongy, 2.50% cracked, 2.50% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow.	21.26% Intermediate, 5.51% Globe, 1.57% Long, 2.36% cracked, 1.57% prongy.
Cadmium orange.....	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	7.91% Intermediate, 1.44% Tankard, 1.44% off coloured.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	22.61 Intermediate, 6.09% Long, 0.87% Globe, 0.87% Tankard, 3.48% cracked, 1.74% prongy.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	8.66% Half Long, 4.72% Intermediate, 1.57% prongy, 1.57% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	1.72% Intermediate, 0.86% cracked, 0.86% multiple topped, 0.86% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stem and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8.87% Long, 4.84% Tankard, 0.81% Globe, 1.61% prongy, 10.48% cracked, 1.61% off coloured, 1.61% multiple topped.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	6.96% Globe, 6.06% Tankard, 4.35% Long, 2.66% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	7.32% Tankard, 2.44% Globe, 1.62% Long, 2.44% prongy, 8.94% cracked.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	13.22% Half Long, 4.96% Intermediate, 1.65% Tankard, 0.83% Globe, 1.65% cracked, 1.65% prongy.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	1.41% Globe, 1.41% Intermediate, 0.70% off coloured, 0.70% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	5.76% Half Long, 2.16% Intermediate, 5.76% prongy, 2.88% off coloured, 0.78% cracked.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow.	23.39% Intermediate, 3.73% Globe, 0.75% off coloured, 4.48% cracked, 0.75% prongy.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	7.44% Half Long, 2.68% Globe, 0.89% Tankard, 4.46% cracked, 1.79% prongy.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	16.79% Intermediate, 3.82% Long, 2.29% Globe, 5.34% cracked, 6.11% prongy.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	15.32% Intermediate, 2.42% Tankard, 1.61% cracked, 0.81% off coloured.

TABLE 6.—VARIETY TEST

Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of Skin
						Above ground
Red Tankard.....	K. McDonald & Sons..	67.3	84.5	75.9	Tankard.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Intermediate (No. 5312).	Macdonald College....	62.8	88.8	75.8	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant White Feeding Sugar.	Steele Briggs.....	80.2	71.1	75.7	Half Long...	Lime green, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Intermediate....	A. E. McKenzie.....	73.1	78.2	75.7	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Half Long Intermediate.	Wm. Rennie.....	69.4	80.0	74.7	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Leveathian.....	Wm. Rennie.....	83.9	64.1	74.0	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Globe....	Wm. Ewing.....	57.4	86.6	72.0	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Elvethan Long Red....	Suttons.....	57.4	86.3	71.9	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	Halifax Seed Co.....	83.3	58.8	71.1	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Globe.....	Steele Briggs.....	58.0	82.8	70.4	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Sutton's.....	67.0	70.6	68.8	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Flesh Tankard..	Steele Briggs.....	70.4	66.7	68.6	Tankard.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Red Intermediate.....	Sutton's.....	76.5	59.6	68.1	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
(Improved) Mammoth Long Red.	Dupuy-Ferguson.....	47.8	87.5	67.6	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	Wm. Ewing.....	64.4	67.0	65.7	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Gatepost Intermediate.	Sutton's.....	62.5	63.5	63.0	.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Intermediate.	K. McDonald & Sons..	58.8	64.4	61.6	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Devon Yellow Intermediate.	Sutton's.....	62.5	50.1	56.3	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Champion or Gatepost..	Halifax Seed Co.....	46.2	66.2	56.2	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Golden Giant	Graham Bros.....	103.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Select Giant Rose Sugar Beet.	Wm. Ewing.....	91.9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Giant Half Sugar.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	91.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barres Stryno, B.L. 749	Danske Landboforeningers, Foforsyning.	88.8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wibolts Rose Giant Half Sugar No. 1918.	Scandinavian Seed Co., and R. Wibolts.	88.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Giant Yellow Ovoid....	Steele Briggs.....	87.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Intermediate, U.B.C. No. 1.	University of British Columbia.	87.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Giant Rose Sugar.....	A. E. McKenzies.....	87.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Svalof Red.....	General Swedish Seed Co.	86.8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barres Tystofte B. S. 749	Danske Landboforeningers, Foforsyning.	85.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danish Sludstrup.....	Fred. J. James.....	85.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stryno Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann.....	83.8	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Half Sugar.....	Harris McFayden.....	83.3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wibolts Sludstrup Yellow.	Scandinavian Seed Co. and R. Wibolts.	81.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fodderaukkerros (S.M.) B. S. 760.	Danske Landboforeningers, Foforsyning.	81.3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Intermediate....	United Seed Growers.....	80.9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danish Sludstrup.....	K. McDonald & Sons..	79.0	.....	.....	.....	.....

MANGELS—Continued

Colour of Skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	0-85% Intermediate, 2-54% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	0-75% Long, 0-75% Globe, 0-75% Tankard, 3-78% cracked.
White.....	White.....	Forest green.....	19-35% Intermediate, 8-87% Long, 4-03% prongy, 3-23% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	1-65% Globe, 1-65% Tankard, 2-48% prongy, 4-96% off coloured, 4-96% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	20-31% Long, 0-78% Tankard, 9-38% prongy, 0-78% off coloured, 0-78% multiple topped, 4-69% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8-28% Long, 3-31% Tankard, 1-65% Globe, 4-13% cracked, 2-48% off coloured, 2-48% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	13-43% Intermediate, 2-24% Tankard, 2-24% cracked, 0-75% multiple topped, 0-75% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	8-09% Intermediate, 5-15% prongy, 0-74% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	20-51% Intermediate, 5-98% Long, 2-56% Globe, 5-13% prongy, 0-85% cracked, 0-85% multiple topped, 0-85% off coloured.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	13-14% Intermediate, 4-38% Tankard, 1-57% cracked, 0-73% multiple topped.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with cadmium yellow rings	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	3-70% Tankard, 1-48% Long, 3-22% cracked, 1-48% Globe.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow.	31-11% Intermediate, 4-44% Globe, 1-11% Long, 2-22% prongy, 1-11% cracked, 1-11% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	7-89% Long, 1-54% Tankard, 3-85% Globe, 0-77% cracked, 0-77% off coloured.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	12-16% Intermediate, 1-35% multiple topped, 0-68% Sugar Beet, 0-68% prongy, 0-68% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	11-20% Intermediate, 4% Globe.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	8-66% Long, 28-35% Intermediate, 7-09% Globe, 1-57% prongy, 0-79% off coloured, 0-79% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	16-67% Intermediate, 5% Long, 2-50% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	14-02% Intermediate, 7-48% Globe, 1-87% Long, 0-93% prongy, 2-80% cracked, 1-87% off coloured, 0-93% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	18-58% Half Long, 7-08% Globe, 4-42% Long, 6-19% Tankard, 3-54% cracked, 2-65% multiple topped, 0-88% prongy.

TABLE 6.—VARIETY TEST

Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of skin
						Above ground
White Intermediate.....	Experimental Farm, Summerland, B.C.	78.6	.....	.....
Giant Half Sugar White	United Seed Growers...	75.4	.....	.....
Yellow Ovoid, U.B.C. No. 5.	University of British Columbia.	75.1	.....	.....
Sludstrup.....	J. M. Steves, Steveson, B.C.	75.0	.....	.....
Danish Sludstrup.....	United Seed Growers...	74.2	.....	.....
Long White.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	72.2	.....	.....
Wibolts Taaroje Yellow Short Ovoid No. 1829.	Scandinavian Seed Co.	68.7	.....	.....
New Yellow Mangel, Best of All.	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	67.7	.....	.....
Wibolts Dana Ovoid Giant, No. 612, No. 4923.	Scandinavian Seed Co.	67.6	.....	.....
Giant Yellow Globe.....	United Seed Growers...	67.1	.....	.....
Barres Sludstrup.....	General Swedish Seed Co.	65.7	.....	.....
Barres Sludstrup.....	Danske Landfoborenings, Froforsyning.	64.4	.....	.....
Prizewinner.....	Sutton's, England.....	62.1	.....	.....
New Smithfield Yellow Globe.	Webb & Sons.....	.....	131.8	.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
O.A.C. Yellow Intermediate.	Ralph Moore.....	.....	125.5	.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Devon Champion Yellow Globe.	Garton's, England.....	.....	115.2	.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Half Sugar Giant Rose No. 1588.	Trifolium, Copenhagen..	.....	109.4	.....	Intermediate.	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Select Giant Rose Intermediate Sugar.	Wm. Ewing.....	.....	109.2	.....	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Yellow Fleshed or Golden Tankard.	Webb & Sons.....	.....	106.3	.....	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
New Century.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	101.9	.....	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Svalof Original Rubra..	General Swedish Seed Co.	.....	103.9	.....	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Golden Globe.	Graham Bros.....	.....	100.9	.....	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Q. Q. Mangel.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	99.7	.....	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Barres Stryno No. 1553.	Trifolium, Copenhagen..	.....	96.0	.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Non Such.....	Gartons.....	.....	95.7	.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Long Red...	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	95.5	.....	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Yellow Intermediate...	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	95.1	.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Oval.....	Steele Briggs.....	.....	93.1	.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Prizewinner Yellow Globe.	Sutton's.....	.....	92.1	.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Golden Tankard.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	91.1	.....	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Long Yellow.....	John A. Bruce.....	.....	90.8	.....	Long.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Large Yellow Globe....	Garton's.....	.....	89.7	.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.

MANGELS—Continued

Colour of skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	10.95% Intermediate, 1.46% Tankard, 5.11% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	2.80% Long, 1.87% Tankard, 0.93% Globe, 7.48% prongy, 8.54% cracked, 3.74% off coloured, 1.87% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	17.36% Intermediate, 1.65% Tankard, 1.65% cracked, 0.83% prongy.
White, grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	23.78% Half Long, 1.40% Long, 1.40% Globe, 2.10% prongy, 1.40% cracked, 0.70% off coloured.
White, grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	17.56% Intermediate, 6.11% Tankard, 3.05% Long, 2.29% Globe, 2.29% cracked, 3.82% prongy, 7.63% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	5% Globe, 3.33% Tankard, 1.67% cracked, 1.67% multiple topped.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	13.46% Tankard, 1.92% Intermediate, 0.96% cracked.
White, grading into old rose.	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	16.18% Intermediate, 2.04% Long, 0.74% Tankard, 4.41% prongy, 0.74% cracked, 1.47% off coloured.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	7.59% Intermediate, 0.69% Tankard, 6.90% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, some trace of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	0.99% Globe, 0.91% cracked, 0.91% off coloured, 0.91% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	3.01% Tankard, 1.50% Long, 0.75% Globe, 0.75% prongy, 3.01% cracked, 4.51% off coloured, 3.76% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	7.86% Intermediate, 3.57% cracked, 1.43% Tankard, 2.14% off coloured, 0.71% multiple topped.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	18.62% Half Long, 4.16% Intermediate, 2.07% prongy, 0.60% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	12.03% Long, 7.52% Tankard, 5.26% Globe, 3.76% prongy, 0.75% cracked, 2.26% off coloured, 0.75% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8.80% Long, 4% Tankard, 3.20% Globe, 11.20% prongy, 0.80% cracked, 5.60% multiple topped, 11.20% off coloured.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	22.46% Intermediate, 4.35% Tankard, 4.35% cracked, 2.17% prongy.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	12.70% Tankard, 3.17% Long, 2.38% Globe, 1.59% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	17.02% Half Long, 1.42% Intermediate, 0.71% Globe, 4.96% prongy, 3.55% off coloured, 0.71% cracked.
Cadmium orange...	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	32.77% Intermediate, 4.20% Tankard, 3.36% cracked.

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Variety	Source	Relative yield, 1924	Relative yield, 1925	Average relative yield, 1924-1925	Pre-dominating type	Colour of skin
						Above ground
Red Intermediate.....	Cannell & Sons.....			87.5.....	Intermediate.	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Mammoth Long Red...	Webb & Sons.....			87.0.....	Long.....	Nopal red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Barres Sludstrup.....	Royal Danish Agricultural Society.			86.1.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Superlative.....	Sutton's.....			85.8.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Barres Stryno.....	Royal Danish Agricultural Society.			85.4.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Sludstrup Barres.....	Hjalmar Hartmann & Co.			83.9.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Sugar Beet or Half Sugar Rose.	Dupuy & Ferguson.....			83.4.....	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Danish Sludstrup.....	Wm. Rennie.....			82.8.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Globe....	A. E. McKenzie.....			82.5.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Barres Tystofte.....	Royal Danish Agricultural Society.			82.3.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Prizetaker Yellow Globe	A. E. McKenzie.....			82.2.....	Globe.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Perfection.....	Webb & Son.....			79.0.....	Globe.....	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
Sunrise.....	Garton's.....			77.6.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Barres Sludstrup No. 1557.	Trifolium.....			75.9.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
Giant Yellow Globe....	Halifax Seed Co.....			75.5.....	Intermediate.	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
White Knight.....	Garton's.....			73.9.....	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.
New Combination.....	Garton's.....			69.0.....	Intermediate.	Ox blood red, grading into pale smoky gray.
Half Sugar Malcuyt V.	Royal Danish Agricultural Society.			66.2.....	Half Long....	Old rose, grading into Japan rose and pale smoky gray.
Red Intermediate.....	Webb & Sons.....			64.6.....	Intermediate.	Flame scarlet, grading into pale smoky gray.
New Lion Intermediate.	Webb & Sons.....			63.1.....	Tankard.....	Olive yellow to olive ocher, grading into pale smoky gray.

MANGELS—Concluded

Colour of skin	Colour of flesh	Colour of top	Remarks
Below ground			
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	10.57% Tankard, 6.50% Long, 2.44% Globe, 0.81% prongy, 2.44% cracked, 0.81% multiple topped.
Nopal red.....	White, with begonia rose rings.	Forest green leaves. Stems with varying intensities of begonia rose.	14.06% Intermediate, 4.69% prongy, 1.56% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Forest green, with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	18.52% Long, 1.48% Globe, 1.48% Tankard, 1.48% prongy, 2.22% cracked.
Cadmium orange.....	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	15.28% Intermediate, 4.17% Tankard, 2.08% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	9.73% Long, 2.65% Tankard, 3.54% prongy, 12.39% cracked, 1.77% Globe.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	2.92% Long, 1.17% Globe, 1.75% off coloured, 0.58% prongy.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Forest green, with lower parts of stems showing tinge of old rose.	5.44% Intermediate, 4.76% Long, 2.04% Globe, 1.38% Tankard, 4.08% prongy, 3.40% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	8.70% Long, 0.72% Tankard, 2.17% prongy, 0.72% cracked, 2.17% off coloured, 0.72% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange.....	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	27.27% Intermediate, 2.27% Tankard, 0.76% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	6.87% Long, 2.29% prongy, 4.58% cracked, 0.76% off coloured.
Cadmium orange.....	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	7.20% Intermediate, 4.80% Tankard, 0.80% Long, 2.40% cracked.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones much more than older ones.	8.52% Tankard, 2.84% Intermediate, 3.98% cracked.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	7.48% Tankard, 3.73% Long, 3.73% Globe, 0.75% off coloured.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	4% Long, 2.40% Tankard, 0.80% Globe, 4% prongy, 1.60% cracked, 3.20% multiple topped.
Cadmium orange.....	White, traces of cadmium yellow below ground.	Entirely forest green. Very slight tint of cadmium yellow on young leaves.	7.84% Long, 5.88% Globe, 1.98% Tankard, 1.98% off coloured, 0.65% prongy.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	13.95% Globe, 8.53% Intermediate, 5.43% cracked.
Ox blood red.....	Carmin with white rings.	Stems, carmin. Leaves, maroon.	11.54% Long, 2.88% Tankard, 4.81% cracked.
White, grading into old rose.....	White.....	Forest green with lower parts of stem showing tinge of old rose.	21.55% Intermediate, 1.72% Long, 6.90% cracked, 2.59% prongy.
Flame scarlet.....	White, with wide cadmium yellow rings.	Forest green. Stems of all leaves tinged with cadmium yellow. Young ones more than older ones.	4.07% Long, 6.50% Tankard, 3.25% Globe, 0.81% prongy, 4.88% cracked, 1.63% multiple topped.
Wax yellow.....	White.....	Inner leaves showing stems and veins with cadmium yellow. Remaining part, green.	6.87% Intermediate, 5% Globe, 0.83% cracked.

An examination of table 6 will indicate the wide range that exists in both the yielding-capacity and purity of type in the different lots of seed for sale. In this respect there has been a considerable improvement in the past few years but there is still room for a great deal more to be done along the same line.

The yield of the C.E.F. selection of Yellow Intermediate has been taken as a hundred for each year and all other varieties ranged either above or below depending on their relative yielding-capacity. This relative yield puts all varieties on a percentage basis and is very easily understood.

Three intermediate varieties again stand at the top from the standpoint of average yield of dry matter for the two years under test. The fact, however, that the other mangel types also have representatives near the head of the column indicates that with a soil type suitable to all varieties, as was the case with the mangel ground at the Central Experimental Farm, the question of strain has a definite bearing on yield. Any one of many of the varieties tested would give a profitable yield under suitable soil and climatic conditions.

SWEDES

Swedes have never been a marked success on the experimental grounds available for the Forage Plant Division on the Central Farm. A combination of unsuitable soil, aphids, and disease has resulted most years in unprofitable yields. There has, however, been a fairly well-marked difference in the yielding capacity of the varieties and strains tested.

There is much more similarity of type between the different lots of swedes offered for sale than in the case of mangels. The relative proportion of the root growing underground is essentially the same for the various morphological types consequently there is not the same adaptation to particular soil conditions as exists in the case of either carrots or mangels.

The amount of pull necessary to harvest the various swede varieties is also more a function of the distribution, shape, and number of rootlets, than the depth that the main tap root may have extended into the ground.

Among the most satisfactory yielders in our tests conducted during the seasons of 1924 and 1925 at the Central Farm were Derby Green Top, Canadian Gem, Hall's Westbury, Kangaroo, Bangholm and Hartley's Bronze Top.

CARROTS

In connection with the classification of field roots being conducted by the Forage Plants Division, fifty-two lots of field carrots were grown in 1924 and forty lots in 1925. A great many measurements and other definite records were secured from both the 1924 and 1925 plantings. Yield records were of course taken and both the harvested weights and the total dry matter per acre are reported in table 7.

TABLE 7.—VARIETY TEST CARROTS

Variety	Source	Green yield 1924		Yield dry matter 1924		Green yield 1925		Yield dry matter 1925		Average green yield 1924-25		Average yield dry matter 1924-25	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Large White Vosges.....	Graham Bros.....	15	367	1	1,431	32	1,353	1	1,234	23	1,860	1	1,333
Mammoth Short White....	Wm. Rennie.....	12	1,333	1	825	28	1,565	1	1,702	20	1,449	1	1,264
White Belgian.....	John A. Bruce.....	11	1,200	1	359	26	1,192	2	98	19	1,196	1	1,229
White Belgian.....	Graham Bros.....	12	867	1	1,277	27	348	1	938	19	1,608	1	1,108
Improved Short White....	K. McDonald & Sons.....	11	733	1	478	36	269	1	1,346	23	1,501	1	912
Improved White Vosges....	K. McDonald & Sons.....	12	1,933	1	993	29	1,394	1	655	21	664	1	824
Mammoth Intermediate White.....	John A. Bruce.....	12	1,867	1	845	27	1,214	1	786	20	541	1	816
Improved Intermediate White.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	12	1,100	1	600	33	1,676	1	715	23	388	1	658
Long Red Surrey.....	Steele Briggs.....	11	833	1	995	18	1,001	1	313	14	1,917	1	654
Yellow Belgian.....	Wm. Ewing.....	11	667	1	1,155	19	1,840	1	91	15	1,254	1	623
Improved Intermediate White.....	Wm. Ewing.....	11	900	1	324	30	92	1	903	20	1,496	1	614
White Belgian.....	Hjalmar, Hartmann & Co.....	10	1,640	1	28	27	1,366	1	1,109	19	503	1	569
Large White Belgian.....	Wm. Rennie.....	12	1,633	1	597	25	343	1	521	18	1,988	1	559
Champion.....	Harris McFayden.....	9	333	1	348	18	236	1	768	13	1,285	1	558
White Belgian.....	Trifolium, Copenhagen.....	10	400	1	281	25	337	1	710	17	1,369	1	496
White Belgian.....	Wm. Ewing.....	10	600	1	287	24	986	1	699	17	793	1	483
Danish Champion.....	K. McDonald.....	10	833	1	462	23	1,166	1	476	17	.....	1	469
Large White Belgian.....	Steele Briggs.....	10	.....	1	334	22	1,738	1	544	16	869	1	439
Oxheart.....	Graham Bros.....	11	1,433	1	699	21	545	1	165	16	989	1	425
Improved Danvers.....	Graham Bros.....	10	1,567	1	439	20	207	1	410	15	837	1	404
White Belgian.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	11	600	1	470	24	681	1	358	16	1,741	1	403
Half Long White.....	General Swedish Seed Co.....	8	1,080	1	82	23	895	1	723	16	39	1	401
White Intermediate.....	Macdonald College.....	11	1,067	1	332	26	868	1	469	18	1,968	1	401
Mammoth Half Long White.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	8	1,400	1	434	23	1,928	1	366	16	697	1	400
Danish Champion.....	C.E.F., Ottawa.....	10	133	1	303	19	1,949	1	465	15	41	1	384
Mammoth White Intermediate.....	Wm. Rennie.....	12	600	1	541	23	944	1	161	17	1,772	1	351
New Yellow Intermediate.....	Halifax Seed Co.....	10	533	1	466	23	1,910	1	203	17	222	1	335
New Yellow Intermediate.....	Wm. Ewing.....	12	283	1	428	18	1,297	1	194	17	1,763	1	311
White Belgian.....	Halifax Seed Co.....	11	833	1	356	23	1,910	1	203	17	1,372	1	280
Oxheart.....	Harris McFayden.....	10	67	1	123	19	390	1	300	14	1,229	1	212
Improved Danvers Half Long.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	8	1,233	1	1,968	17	350	1	402	12	1,792	1	185
James.....	Harris McFayden.....	7	1,167	1	11	17	696	1	280	12	932	1	146
James B.L. 781.....	Danske, Landboretningstrotorsyning.....	8	800	1	115	16	987	1	87	12	894	1	101
Long Orange.....	John A. Bruce.....	8	300	1	298	10	1,052	1	1,532	9	686	1	1,915
Champion.....	General Swedish Seed Co.....	11	533	1	1,481	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Intermediate.....	University of British Columbia.....	12	1,267	1	1,239	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Intermediate.....	Experimental Farm, Summerland, B.C.....	13	1,800	1	1,008	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Orange Belgian.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	12	533	1	986	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Half Long.....	Harris McFayden.....	11	1,933	1	793	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Belgian.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	12	.....	1	628	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wiboltt's Yellow Champion.....	Scandinavian Seed Co. and R. Wiboltt.....	9	1,467	1	494	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Belgian Green Head No. 1745 (w.).....	Scandinavian Seed Co. and R. Wiboltt.....	9	1,567	1	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Champion.....	Hjalmar, Hartmann & Co.....	9	.....	1	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Large White Vosges.....	Dupuy & Ferguson.....	9	1,467	1	1,970	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wiboltt's Improved Nantes.....	Scandinavian Seed Co. and R. Wiboltt.....	7	733	1	1,331	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Large White Vosges.....	John A. Bruce.....	12	1,367	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Champion 1335.....	Trifolium, Copenhagen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	77	1	235	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danish Champion.....	Hjalmar Hartmann Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1,965	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Orange Belgian.....	John A. Bruce.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1,589	1	537	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Belgian.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	1,475	1	1,112	.....	.....	.....	.....
Improved Short White.....	Steele Briggs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	1,637	1	1,148	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ontario Champion.....	Graham Bros.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	831	1	901	.....	.....	.....	.....

The yields secured in 1925 were much superior to those obtained in 1924. This is due largely to the fact that both soil and climatic conditions were more favourable.

The intermediate types seem to be more satisfactory and much nicer to harvest than the extremely long or very short sorts.

A small planting of the better of the intermediate varieties would appear to be worthy of more general adoption. They are relished by practically all classes of live stock and are claimed to be particularly beneficial to horses.

FLESHY ANNUAL PASTURE CROPS

Fleshy annual pasture crops have a regular place in the rotation on many European farms. In Canada, however, such crops are as yet not grown nearly as generally as their evident value would appear to warrant.

In the following table are tabulated the yields secured from a number of such crops grown at the Central Farm in 1924 and 1925. Only the green yields are recorded for 1924, but in 1925 absolute dry-matter determinations were made and all yields compared on that basis.

The crops under test were all seeded in rows thirty inches apart and at the rate of four pounds of seed per acre. The plots were divided into two parts, and one section was harvested a little over a month earlier than the other. The yields from the two sections are recorded separately.

TABLE 8—FLESHY ANNUAL PASTURES

Variety	Source	Green yield 1924	Harvested Aug. 27		Harvested Oct. 6	
			Green yield, per acre, 1925	Yield dry matter, 1925	Green yield, 1925	Yield dry matter, 1925
		tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.
Giant Drum Head Cabbage.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.. .. .	14 460	1 948	36 234	3 669
Improved 1000 Headed Kale.....	Sutton's, England.....	14 1,492	16 881	1 1,480	26 1,482	3 559
Green Marrow Stem Kale.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.. .. .	14 72	1 761	31 382	3 188
Large Seeded Winter Common Essex Rape	Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., France.....	.. .. .	19 720	1 1,894	24 486	2 1,278
Small Seeded Turnip Rape or Ger- man Winter Rape.....	Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.....	.. .. .	12 1,701	1 1,031	26 272	2 809
Marrow Stem Kale.....	Sutton's, England.....	.. .. .	14 1,186	1 620	26 896	2 790
Large Seeded Winter Umbrella Rape.....	Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.....	.. .. .	18 881	1 1,416	25 616	2 663
1000 Headed Kale.....	Sutton's, England.....	16 137	12 1,991	1 909	17 569	2 603
Broad Leafed Essex Rape.....	Garton's, England.....	.. .. .	22 44	2 70	21 1,417	2 576
Drum Head Savoy Cabbage.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.. .. .	12 1,459	1 610	19 193	2 255
Rape Kale.....	Cannell & Sons.....	.. .. .	11 167	1 498	19 855	2 554
Curled Sheep Kale.....	Sutton's, England.....	18 138	13 136	1 492	18 763	1 1,819
Green Stemmed Marrow Kale.....	E. Webb & Sons.....	18 461	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
French Marrow Kale.....	Sutton & Sons.....	18 268	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Green Stemmed Marrow Kale.....	Sutton & Sons.....	16 718	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Purple Stemmed Marrow Kale.....	E. Webb & Sons.....	16 267	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

It is interesting to note that in 1925 the Giant Drum Head cabbage gave the highest average yield of dry-matter. This particular variety of cabbage appears to offer a profitable source of succulent fall pasture.

The marrow-stemmed Kale grows somewhat taller than the rape varieties and has a coarser more succulent stem.

Green fodder from each of these fleshy pastures appears to be relished by cattle and sheep and is eaten greedily by poultry.

ANNUAL HAY CROPS

The use of annual hay crops is becoming more prevalent as a means of obviating the effects of winter-killing of biennial or perennial hay crops. There are also sections of Canada where an annual hay crop such as oats, or oats and peas, seems to furnish the most profitable source of fodder.

In order that more information regarding such crops may be available, the Forage Crop Division conducts each year, tests of the different crops which promise to be of value as annual hays.

Table 9 gives the yield of hay secured in both 1924 and 1925, with the average for the two years, of a great variety of plants tested singly and in various combinations.

TABLE 9.—ANNUAL HAY CROPS

Seeding	Seeding	Yield hay, 1924		Yield hay, 1925		Average
	rate per acre	(15 p.c. moisture)		(15 p.c. moisture)		yield hay, 1924 and 1925 (15 p.c. moisture)
	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons lb.
Hubam clover.....	15					
Banner oats.....	80	1	1,844	3	1,412	2 1,628
Hubam clover.....	15					
Rye (O.A.C. No. 61).....	80	1	1,700	3	217	2 959
Hubam clover.....	15					
Japanese millet.....	20	3	524	4	429	3 577
Hubam clover.....	15					
Golden millet.....	20	3	405	4	312	3 1,359
White sweet clover.....	15					
Japanese millet.....	20	2	592	4	244	3 418
White sweet clover.....	15					
Golden millet.....	20	2	888	3	158	2 1,523
Yellow sweet clover.....	15					
Rye (O.A.C. No. 61).....	80	2	157	3	403	2 1,280
Yellow sweet clover.....	15					
Japanese millet.....	20	3	1,321	3	1,542	3 1,432
Yellow sweet clover.....	15					
Golden millet.....	20	3	153	3	1,983	3 1,068
Crimson clover.....	15					
Banner oats.....	80	1	1,879	3	401	2 1,140
Crimson clover.....	15					
Japanese millet.....	20	2	1,596	4	787	3 1,192
Crimson clover.....	15					
Golden millet.....	20	1	1,349	3	1,229	2 1,289
Barley.....	100	1	1,815	2	537	2 176
Hubam clover.....	20	1	1,464	4	135	2 1,800
White sweet clover.....	20	1	1,093	4	883	2 1,988
Golden millet.....	30	2	1,192	4	74	3 633
Common millet.....	30	1	1,754	2	1,704	2 729
Japanese millet.....	30	3	1,366	5	506	4 936
Hungarian millet.....	30	1	1,849	3	544	2 1,097
Siberian millet.....	30	1	1,268	2	1,733	2 501
Hog millet.....	30	1	622	2	1,023	1 1,823
Teff grass.....	7	3	594	4	105	3 1,350
Yellow sweet clover.....	20			2	62	
Banner oats.....	78					
Arthur peas.....	45			2	825	
Common vetch.....	15					
Rye.....	90			2	663	
Sudan grass.....	30			3	20	
Banner oats.....	68					
Arthur peas.....	60			2	1,974	
Banner oats.....	68					
Chancellor peas.....	40			2	1,583	
Banner oats.....	68					
McKay peas.....	60			2	1,556	
Gold Rain oats.....	59					
Arthur peas.....	60			3	376	
Gold Rain oats.....	59					
Chancellor peas.....	40			3	539	
Gold Rain oats.....	59					
McKay peas.....	60			2	976	
Victory oats.....	68					
Arthur peas.....	60			2	1,132	
Victory oats.....	68					
Chancellor peas.....	40			2	1,267	
Victory oats.....	68					
McKay peas.....	60			2	1,587	
Banner oats.....	102			2	1,759	
Gold Rain oats.....	93			2	1,764	
Victory oats.....	102			2	1,707	

The summer of 1924 was too dry for the best results with the crops under test. However, one or two single plantings and a few combinations seemed to thrive better than their associates under the adverse conditions experienced. The sweet clover-millet combination seems to be outstanding in this respect.

The hay secured for the combinations of oats and peas appeared to be of excellent quality and it would seem that such combinations should be a profitable source of fodder.

Teff grass, an importation from South Africa, is an annual grass of excellent quality but unfortunately it appears to be weak in the stem and consequently lodges badly. Thin seeding will overcome this to some extent and an attempt is being made to select a stronger-stemmed type.

ALFALFA

Tables 10 and 11 give the yields secured from alfalfa of different varieties or of the same variety secured from different sources. Table 10 records the yields secured from plantings of the different lots concerned in 1923, whereas table 11 tabulates the results of the seeding of similar lots in 1924. All of the different lots were seeded at the rate of twenty pounds to the acre.

TABLE 10.—ALFALFA VARIETIES. SOWN 1923

Variety	Source	Field-cured hay (15 p.c. moisture), 1924		Field-cured hay (15 p.c. moisture), 1925		Average yield field-cured hay (15 p.c. moisture), 1924-1925	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Alfalfa	R. McCannus	4	382	5	1,005	4	1,694
Alfalfa	W. F. Lennox	4	216	5	876	4	1,546
Cossack alfalfa	Paramount Alfalfa Farm	4	154	5	863	4	1,509
Alfalfa, Canadian Variegated	Steele Briggs	4	35	5	553	4	1,294
Cossack alfalfa	Dakota Improved Seed Co.	4	525	4	1,730	4	1,128
Alfalfa	Charles L. Sheard	3	1,122	5	963	4	1,043
Grimm alfalfa	A. B. Lyman	3	1,042	5	670	4	856
Medicago falcata	Paramount Alfalfa Farm	3	1,634	4	1,883	4	759
Turkestan alfalfa	Steele Briggs	3	306	4	885	3	1,596
Shoobut alfalfa	S. Argentine	3	832	3	1,930	3	1,381
Alfalfa (French-grown)	Sutton's, England	2	1,311	4	464	3	888

TABLE 11.—ALFALFA VARIETIES. SOWN 1924

Variety	Source	First cut hay yield (15 p.c. moisture)		Second cut hay yield (15 p.c. moisture)		Total hay yield (15 p.c. moisture)	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Cossack alfalfa	Rife, Alberta	2	1,653	1	1,209	4	862
Grimm alfalfa	A. P. Lyman	2	1,284	1	671	3	1,955
Alfalfa, Le Beau	Michigan Agricultural College	2	905	1	835	3	1,740
Turkestan alfalfa	Steele Briggs	2	980	1	705	3	1,685
Canadian alfalfa	Steele Briggs	2	1,035	1	479	3	1,514
Alfalfa	R. McCannus	2	640	1	709	3	1,349
Alfalfa	Sutton's, England	2	465	1	874	3	1,339
Grimm Alfalfa	Sutton's, England	2	605	1	346	3	951
Shoobut alfalfa	S. Argentine	1	1,756	1	728	3	484
Medicago falcata	Rife, Alberta	2	579	..	1,544	3	123

With the exception of *Medicago falcata* L., which could be easily distinguished by its yellow flowers and finer growth, and the Shoobut, which could be readily picked out by the sparse stand due to heavy winter-killing in the winter of 1923-24, it was difficult to distinguish between the various lots with regard to any morphological characteristics. All had practically parallel varia-

tions in blossom colour and when planted out as individual plants showed a similar range in the various types which go to make up the commercial mixtures sold under the names listed.

While the Cossack alfalfa was rather outstanding in 1925 the average of tests over a number of years does not indicate any marked superiority of this variety over the Grimm or variegated types for Ottawa conditions.

SWEET CLOVER

The increasing interest being manifest in sweet clover as a forage plant has resulted in the development of new strains. The relative yielding capacity and general desirability of these new strains being offered to the farmer, in comparison with the original commercial mixtures, is a problem of common interest.

Five of these newer strains were tested at the Central Farm in 1925 in comparison with commercial lots of both the biennial white-blossomed and the biennial yellow-blossomed sorts.

The yield of cured hay, based on an absolute dry-matter determination, is included in table 12.

TABLE 12.—VARIETY TESTS SWEET CLOVER

Variety	Source	Green yield per acre		Hay (15 p.c moisture) per acre	
		tons	lb.	tons	lb.
Maccor.....	Manitoba Agricultural College.....	12	925	3	761
Dwarf Sweet Clover.....	C. A. Honey.....	12	1,200	3	239
Yellow Sweet Clover.....	Steele Briggs.....	11	1,075	2	1,388
Zouave 778.....	Saskatoon University.....	9	1,825	2	1,329
Grundy Co.....	Morris Grain Co.....	10	925	2	1,191
White Sweet Clover.....	Steele Briggs.....	13	100	2	1,000
Arctic.....	A. E. McKenzie.....	8	1,025	1	1,758

Under conditions at the Central Farm in 1925 the Arctic sweet clover did not produce as profitable yields as the common white- or yellow-blossomed commercial lots. The Dwarf sweet clover from Mr. C. A. Honey and the strain being introduced by the Manitoba Agricultural College, under the name of Maccor, gave appreciably higher yields than the commercial lots. A single season's results, however, should not be accepted as final.

As to the quality of the hay secured from the different lots under test, there was not a marked difference. The important factor in securing desirable hay from any of the sweet clover varieties or strains appears to be dependent, to a large degree, on the method of harvesting. Careless handling during the harvesting operations almost invariably results in a hay of low feeding value due to the excessive loss of leaf.

RED CLOVER

From the standpoint of the plant-breeder the consideration of greatest importance at the present time in connection with the production of red clover is the source from which the seed is obtained. All of the red clover seed available in commercial quantities is from parents of a wide range of morphological types.

In as far as absolute purity of type of the resulting crops is concerned there is little choice between seed sources. When the question of hardiness is considered, however, there is a marked difference—seed from certain sources producing plants that are distinctly hardy while seed from other well-defined areas

produces a crop the greater part of which kills out during an average winter in the red clover growing districts of Canada.

Tables 13 and 14 give the results secured from duplicate plantings of red clover seed from different sources in both 1924 and 1925. The sources from which the seed was obtained are quite representative of the areas from which the greater part of the seed offered for sale in Canada is obtained.

TABLE 13.—TEST OF RED CLOVER FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES

Variety	Source	Hay yield	Hay yield	Hay yield
		(15 p.c. moisture), 1924	(15 p.c. moisture), 1925	(15 p.c. moisture), 1924-1925
		tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.
Red clover	Central Experimental Farm	3 1,927	3 1,184	3 1,556
Red clover	Montgomeryshire, Wales	3 1,919	3 859	3 1,389
Red clover	St. Clet, Quebec	3 839	3 1,259	3 1,049
Red clover	France	3 1,915	3 150	3 1,033
Altaswede	Alberta	3 1,409	3 594	3 1,002
Red clover	Kenora, Ontario	3 995	3 1,005	3 1,000
Red clover	Ontario	3 1,264	3 639	3 952
Late red clover	Sweden	3 1,384	3 406	3 895
English red clover	Sutton's	3 1,216	3 436	3 826
Early red clover	Sweden	3 1,141	3 255	3 698
Red clover	France	3 1,332	2 791	3 62
Red clover	Italy	3 527	2 258	2 1,393
Red clover	France	3 578	2 163	2 1,371
Red clover	Italy	3 1,395	1 642	2 1,019
Red clover	Italy	3 294	1 1,123	2 709
Red clover	Italy	2 1,666	1 920	2 293
Red clover, Bologna	Italy (Bologna)	2 1,268	1 503	1 1,886
Red clover	Italy	2 788	1 178	1 1,433
Red clover	St. Casimir, Quebec	3 1,678	..	..
Medium late red clover	Sweden	3 1,140	..	..
Red clover	Ontario	3 441	..	..
Red clover	Ontario	3 362	..	..
Red clover	Italy (Pisa)	2 1,127	..	..
Red clover	Ontario	2 1,111	..	..
Red clover	Chateauguay, Que.	..	3 1,666	..
Red clover	Central Experimental Farm	..	3 1,040	..
Red clover	Transylvania	..	3 855	..
Red clover	Alfred, Ont.	..	3 818	..
Giant Hybrid	England	..	3 406	..
Red clover	University of Saskatchewan	..	2 1,882	..
Red clover	Sicily	..	2 1,083	..

In addition to the yields reported, one test of French clover, and five tests of Italian clover were so badly winter-killed that it was impossible to harvest them.

On the whole it is quite evident in the light of the average hay yield secured for the two years that seed produced locally or under climatic conditions somewhat similar to ours is productive of the most profitable yields.

Practically all plants resulting from Italian seed are non-hardy under average conditions. A small percentage of French clovers, which resemble the American type of plant, seem to be fairly hardy. Most Swedish clovers seem to be quite satisfactory. The English clovers while less hardy than Swedish or Canadian-grown are usually better than the Southern European lots and following the less severe winters will produce profitable crops.

In conjunction with the yield tests, a definite investigation of the hardiness of the different lots was undertaken.

During the season 1924 and 1925 a total of 110 lots of red clover from different sources were tested in plots of individual plants. These plants were set out in rows three feet apart with six inches between plants in the row and

counted in the fall and spring to determine the comparative percentage of plants which killed out during the winter. Table 14 gives the results of this test.

TABLE 14.—WINTER HARDINESS OF RED CLOVERS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Country of origin	Number of samples tested	Average percentage winter-killed
Canada.....	21	13.9
Sweden.....	8	23.3
Germany.....	3	24.7
Finland.....	2	29.9
Poland.....	2	37.6
Roumania.....	4	39.2
Silicia.....	1	40.3
Holland.....	1	46.0
Denmark.....	7	46.7
Latvia.....	1	49.0
Switzerland.....	2	51.3
England.....	9	58.9
Hungary.....	3	67.7
Chili.....	6	70.6
France.....	10	68.5
New Zealand.....	2	71.9
Italy.....	25	74.7
Sicily.....	3	95.8

Canadian-grown clover is generally characterized by a coarser plant throughout, a larger and deeper-coloured blossom and a hairiness of stem not found to the same degree in lots from Europe. Altaswede, which as far as this Division can determine is similar to Late Swedish red clover, is of finer quality than common red and has stems either smooth or appressed hairy. Most of the clovers from Europe are fine in quality and have either a smooth stem or appressed hairy.

The data presented in table 14 demonstrate in a definite manner the greater hardiness of local-grown seed and the desirability of using such where possible in our farm seedings.

GRASS AND CLOVER MIXTURES

The most common practice in parts of Canada where biennial and perennial grasses and clovers are seeded is to secure, if possible, a crop of hay during the first year or two and then pasture until the seeding is ploughed up. It is evident, therefore, that what is desired is a single plant, or combination of plants, that will give the maximum of both hay and pasture when seeded under average conditions.

The Forage Plant Division has seeded, singly and in various combinations, for a number of years past, the most promising of our hay and pasture plants. The amounts of each ingredient of the various combinations was also varied.

Table 15 presents the yields secured from the various combinations seeded in 1922, 1923, and 1924. Both the green weights and their equivalent amounts of field-cured hay are given.

8	Timothy.....	18	1,088	2	1,774	16	789	4	1,068	12	1,534	3	1,655	6	75	2	649	10	1,261	4	224		
4	Alsike.....	2	1,088	3	236	15	1,443	4	1,335	13	700	4	908	7	425	2	1,036	12	1,188	4	294		
2	Kentucky blue grass.....	15	1,088	3	97	15	1,928	4	904	13	1,075	4	1,007	6	875	2	978	12	1,413	4	373		
2	Red top.....	19	813	3	1,204	16	513	4	1,391	14	250	4	1,854	6	100	2	405	10	450	3	1,447		
1	White Dutch clover.....	18	1,038	3	659	13	1,345	4	282	17	1,200	5	80	7	50	2	485	11	75	3	1,565		
6	Timothy.....	18	1,926	3	605	10	126	3	876	15	975	4	1,535	5	1,188	1	1,652	11	1,000	3	1,489		
4	Meadow fescue.....	10	1,038	3	659	13	1,345	4	282	17	1,200	5	80	7	50	2	485	11	75	3	1,565		
10	Red clover.....	18	1,926	3	605	10	126	3	876	15	975	4	1,535	5	1,188	1	1,652	11	1,000	3	1,489		
1	Alsike.....	6	Timothy.....	6	Orchard grass.....	4	Meadow fescue.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....
1	White Dutch clover.....	2	Kentucky blue grass.....	2	Red top.....	2	White Dutch clover.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....	2	Timothy.....	2	Orchard grass.....
6	Timothy.....	15	1,442	2	1,728	16	269	4	1,491	11	1,975	3	1,911	6	500	1	1,939	11	875	3	1,175		
2	Orchard grass.....	15	1,442	2	1,728	16	269	4	1,491	11	1,975	3	1,911	6	500	1	1,939	11	875	3	1,175		
2	Meadow fescue.....	16	544	3	467	10	371	3	799	13	1,925	4	991	5	1,325	1	1,611	11	875	3	1,692		
10	Red clover.....	16	544	3	467	10	371	3	799	13	1,925	4	991	5	1,325	1	1,611	11	875	3	1,692		
2	Kentucky blue grass.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
2	Red top.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
1	White Dutch clover.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
6	Timothy.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
4	Orchard grass.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
8	Red clover.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
2	Alsike.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		
1	White Dutch clover.....	14	629	2	1,336	11	878	3	1,573	12	375	3	1,740	5	700	1	1,509	11	1,150	3	1,821		

TABLE 15.—GRASS AND CLOVER MIXTURES

Seeding	Rate per acre	Sown 1922				Sown 1923				Sown 1924			
		Cut 1923		Cut 1924		Cut 1924		Cut 1925		Cut 1925		Cut 1925	
		Gr.	Hay	Green	Hay (15 p.c. moisture)	Green	Hay (15 p.c. moisture)	Green	Hay (15 p.c. moisture)	Green	Hay (15 p.c. moisture)	Green	Hay (15 p.c. moisture)
lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	tons lb.	
Timothy.....	6												
Orchard grass.....	4												
Red clover.....	8												
Alsike.....	2												
Kentucky blue.....	2												
Red top.....	2												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Orchard grass.....	2												
Meadow fescue.....	2												
Red clover.....	10												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Orchard grass.....	2												
Meadow fescue.....	2												
Red clover.....	8												
Alsike.....	2												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Orchard grass.....	2												
Meadow fescue.....	2												
Red clover.....	10												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Orchard grass.....	2												
Meadow fescue.....	2												
Red clover.....	10												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Meadow fescue.....	4												
White sweet clover.....	10												
White Dutch clover.....	1												
Timothy.....	6												
Meadow fescue.....	4												
White sweet clover.....	10												
White Dutch clover.....	1												

Considering the table as a whole, the most striking feature seems to be the increased yield secured from the addition of a few pounds of alfalfa to any of the seedings. This observation is borne out by the unusually high yields secured from the areas seeded to hay on the general farm, where a few pounds of alfalfa seed is regularly added to the ordinary mixture.

A second point worthy of consideration is that within reasonable limits the exact number of pounds of seed planted does not seem to be very important. The amounts of any of the ingredients used may be varied considerably without the yield being influenced to any appreciable extent.

Under abnormal conditions the addition of the seed of special plants is often accompanied by profitable increases in yield. For example, in wet areas the addition of meadow fescue, red top and alsike clover, plants reasonably moisture-tolerant, will generally prove profitable.

WESTERN RYE GRASS

Western rye grass has established itself as a valuable hay and pasture crop for the sections of the Canadian prairies where moisture is not abundant enough to permit of the successful culture of timothy. Until very recent years only commercial mixtures were available to the grower, but since it was discovered that this grass was self-fertilized, a large number of pure lines have been isolated.

Eighty of the most promising of the strains developed at the Central Experimental Farm were again tested in 1925 as to their ability to yield paying crops of both fodder and seed. The results are presented in Table 16.

TABLE 16.—VARIETY TEST. WESTERN RYE GRASS

Number	Green weight per 1,000 plants	Hay per 1,000 plants	Seed per 1,000 plants	Number	Green weight per 1,000 plants	Hay per 1,000 plants	Seed per 1,000 plants
	lb.	lb.	lb.		lb.	lb.	lb.
4.....	110-000	70-55	8-06	78.....	108-910	60-61	6-47
5.....	90-476	55-12	6-99	81.....	110-000	62-61	8-23
6.....	89-108	57-74	8-96	82.....	80-000	49-11	6-13
7.....	115-566	69-63	7-62	83.....	93-137	61-24	7-63
8.....	88-095	56-31	7-13	84.....	106-481	61-40	5-94
9.....	103-265	65-60	9-13	86.....	117-500	64-92	8-04
10.....	96-153	58-10	8-69	87.....	84-112	54-40	7-97
11.....	116-822	69-11	6-97	88.....	99-009	54-70	6-83
12.....	80-808	50-18	4-93	89.....	90-476	56-74	9-10
13.....	85-585	52-84	5-37	90.....	102-500	60-16	5-79
14.....	90-000	53-08	7-92	91.....	110-576	61-09	4-33
15.....	98-130	57-94	8-15	93.....	94-059	59-84	9-38
16.....	68-877	45-70	7-46	96.....	105-769	64-87	9-60
17.....	59-090	40-85	6-50	97.....	122-549	62-15	7-28
19.....	71-078	45-80	6-60	97A.....	109-000	63-11	9-37
20.....	92-857	59-47	7-23	98.....	99-009	57-14	9-06
21.....	135-922	78-84	6-57	99.....	110-000	61-75	7-29
22.....	114-533	66-21	7-14	100.....	96-774	60-20	8-67
23.....	99-009	60-67	8-00	102.....	144-230	70-09	5-85
28.....	113-207	62-43	10-65	103.....	112-244	61-49	4-28
31.....	82-524	51-15	8-31	104.....	138-888	81-14	20-50
34.....	96-153	59-97	11-92	105.....	166-666	88-83	5-64
37.....	223-684	119-09	8-63	107.....	138-888	70-98	6-73
38.....	144-927	79-56	6-67	108.....	214-285	107-56	10-13
39.....	83-333	54-32	8-32	109.....	166-666	86-64	6-08
51.....	106-481	66-42	6-28	110.....	153-846	85-52	6-59
53.....	110-849	65-82	6-29	111.....	183-962	105-45	7-66
54.....	109-913	67-10	9-07	112.....	169-811	94-41	9-83
56.....	110-294	61-64	8-24	113.....	134-615	78-08	11-11
57.....	115-740	65-08	6-68	114.....	94-059	51-85	6-61
60.....	147-260	85-50	6-80	116.....	86-776	47-79	7-33
62.....	116-198	68-42	7-92	118.....	166-666	94-35	8-51
63.....	97-087	59-15	8-55	119.....	175-000	107-05	5-15
64.....	110-000	67-03	8-18	120.....	150-000	74-87	4-20
65.....	98-557	56-66	8-55	122.....	140-449	74-22	4-81
69.....	140-000	78-89	7-77	124.....	77-981	48-15	8-08
71.....	153-808	72-48	10-25	127.....	94-339	50-77	2-48
74.....	114-285	61-06	6-43	129.....	107-843	50-41	5-27
77.....	127-500	69-56	6-28	130.....	107-142	51-20	4-26

Strain No. 4, now known as Fyra was given general distribution for the first time in the spring of 1925, while the No. 5 strain, under the name of Grazer, entered commercial channels a few years previously. Both of these strains have proven more desirable than the commercial mixtures generally sold.

A study of the table of yields of these strains will reveal the fact that several strains reported appear to be considerably heavier yielding than either of the two lately distributed. It is therefore expected that within a very few years further strains will be generally available that will produce more profitable yields than their predecessors.