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FARM SEEDS



GRAND PRAIRIE
SEED FARM

H. Z. O'HAIR, Proprietor

Z. P. O'HAIR, Asso. Mgr.

Bushton, Coles County, Illinois

FOREWORD

DEAR FRIEND:

As has been our custom for the past 12 years, we again issue our Annual Catalog.

Up to the past year we have listed and sold Farm and Garden Seeds, but are now growing, breeding and distributing Seed Corn and Broom Corn Seed (varieties listed in this catalog).

We have a fine herd of O. I. C Swine, also a herd of Big Type Poland China Swine, that would interest you.

Our Seed Corn was never better than it is this year. All taken off the stalk EARLY (before the freeze) and shelved in the Big House and was thoroughly dried before any chance for injured germs.

Please remember, that we are headquarters for Fancy Broom Corn Seed. We grow our seed, and know what we are offering. No guess work with us.

You can depend on our seeds, for we are in the business to stay, and not in one year and out the next.

We can furnish you a car load of the very finest triple cleaned, Broom Corn Seed to be had. Our Broom Corn Seed, has had the smut treatment.

Write us your wants.

We guarantee satisfaction or money back.

Introductory

Grand Prairie Seed Farm is located in Coles County, Illinois, eight miles north of Charleston, the county seat, and one mile north of Bushton, a thriving little town on the Clover Leaf Railroad.

No section in the United States is better favored from every standpoint, for raising strong, vital prolific field grains than is Central Illinois.

Here the greatest essentials for a proper seed bed to raise seed with germinating power are found—a loamy, fertile soil.

The writers began by selling seed corn in a small way. Later a seed house was erected, and the seed corn was selected with greater care, and then came the breeding plats, and each year more room was made for the storing and drying and caring for seed. The farm not only produces the very best seed corn, and broom seed, but produces other choice farm seeds. The writers are the largest Seed Corn and Broom Seed breeders and growers. We have one of the largest and most modern seed corn houses to be found anywhere. There are 70 doors, windows and openings in this mammoth house, where the grain has the very best ventilation. During the extreme cold weather, heat is supplied and the germs are not impaired.

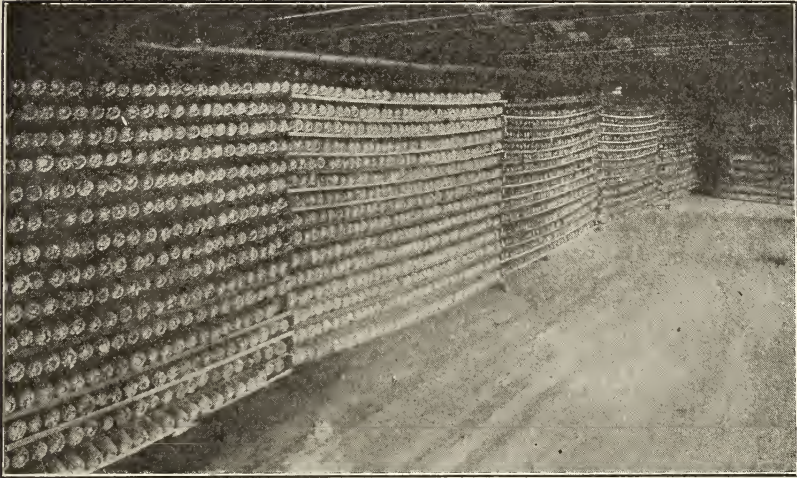
Right here we wish to call your attention to the fact, that on this farm the O. I. C. and Big Type Poland China Swine are bred and raised and sent direct to the breeder. Each one a pure bred and papers furnished.

We have one of the best equipped farms to be found anywhere, and we are constantly improving our methods in business as well as the quality of our seeds. Our large and constantly growing trade is evidence that we are succeeding, and we now present to you our Annual Descriptive Catalog, and wish to thank all our friends and patrons for their past patronage; and hope the New Year will bring to all much happiness and prosperity. Yours very truly,

H. Z. O'HAIR, Proprietor.

Z. P. O'HAIR, Associate Mgr. and Supt.

GRAND PRAIRIE SEED FARM



We have several hundred bushels put up in this manner. In fact all our Seed Corn was selected from the STALK and not from the pile, and was all stored in the house before the freeze came, that ruined so much of the SEED throughout the corn belt.

WARRANTY, TERMS, ETC.

While we exercise the greatest care to have our seeds pure, true and reliable, we do not give any warranty, expressed or implied, and in no way will we be responsible for the growth or crop. If the seeds are not fully satisfactory, they must be returned to us at once, and money will be refunded.

All our goods are shipped subject to your approval on arrival.

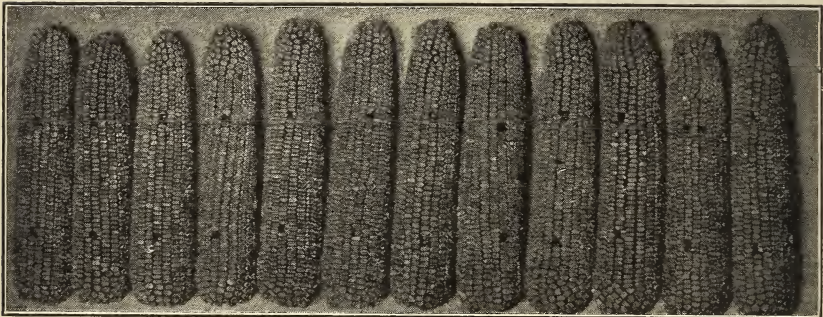
Upon receipt of the shipment, examine them and test them to your entire satisfaction, and if for any reason you are not pleased with them, repack and return the same to us at *our expense*, and we will refund the money paid for the same. Our seeds are right, we know it, and we stand back of them, and you are absolutely protected, and will get what you buy. Furthermore you have 10 or 15 days in which to test them.

GRAND PRAIRIE SEED FARM

Remember, we not only guarantee the seeds to be good, but we guarantee you to be satisfied with them, and if for any cause you are not, return them to us at our expense.

Remittances must accompany each order. Send remittances by bank draft, P. O. order, express order, or check. Stamps taken for less than \$1. Bags (cotton) market price. Heavy Jute bags, market price, unless otherwise specified. Prices F. O. B. Bushton, Illinois. We make every effort to fill orders promptly. If you wish to hold your order in our seed house until planting time, please advise us to that end.

Owing to the demand for our seed corn, we will ask you to place your order early, stating when you wish shipment made. Write name and address plainly.



IMPROVED REID'S YELLOW DENT

The corn is light golden in color. The ears are from 9 to 11 inches long, 18 to 22 rows of kernels on an ear, small cob and shank, grain close together, no lost space between rows, and cob well covered. In uniformity, development of butts and tips, percentage of shelled corn and vigor of growth, this variety cannot be excelled by any yellow corn. It is an excellent variety to plant over a wide latitude. Season 110 days. Prices:

Ear corn in crate or bag.....\$4.50 per bushel
Corn shelled and graded.....\$4.50 per bushel

No charges for crates or bags.

Announcing Our Sale

FELLOW BREEDERS, FARMERS AND FRIENDS:

It is with pleasure that we announce our Fourth Annual Bred Sow Sale on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1921. Our offering consists of 7 tried sows, 10 fall gilts, and 18 spring gilts. This is the pick of our entire herd of sows, and is by far the best bunch we have ever offered.

As to blood lines we think you will agree with us that we have some of the best, as we have spared neither time nor money in improving our herd. Our herd not only has the size that is in demand today, but they have proven their worth in the show ring. We have not gone out and bought the animals we won with, but have bred them ourselves. Our 1919 show herd, all of which were bred by us, and showing at such fairs as the Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi State Fairs, and the I & I. Inter-State Fair, and the best of the County Fairs in Illinois won 159 ribbons, consisting of 14 champions, 60 firsts, 44 seconds, 24 thirds, 12 fourths, 4 fifths, and 1 sixth, in strong competition.

Our 1920 herd won at five fairs, including the Illinois and the I. & I. fairs, 137 ribbons, consisting of 10 champions, 54 firsts, 44 seconds, 22 thirds, 6 fourths, 1 fifth.

We have tried to feed this offering to do the purchaser good. They have had the same treatment as our herd sows. They have had plenty of range, and a balanced ration as near as we could make it. They are the long stretchy kind, with good backs, feet and bone. We ask you to look over this offering and if impossible to be present do not hesitate to send a mail bid, for they will be honorably treated. But we hope to have the pleasure of having you with us sale day whether you wish to buy or not.

Location: Sale will be held at one o'clock in the heated Sales Pavillion on the fair ground at Charleston, Ill., which is 50 miles west of Terre Haute, Ind., 50 miles south of Champaign, Ill., on the Big Four and Clover Leaf railroad and the Charleston-Mattoon Interurban. Good connections to and from sale.

Entertainment: Visiting breeders will find free entertainment at the Lawes hotel night before sale.

Auctioneer: Col. H. Z. O'Hair, of Bushton, Ill.

H. A. MURPHY & SON, BARDIN, ILLINOIS

Herd Boars for Reference

FASHION PLATE 42765

Farrowed March 21, 1916. Litter 9. R 8, B 5, S 3.
Bred by Frank Sherer, Joy, Ill.

Wide Awake 45447 -----	} White Prince 24421
	} Joy Girl 63942
Theda Bara 81158 -----	} Chief Keokuk 21645
	} White Beauty 47996

We realize that we cannot do this great boar justice in the foot notes. Not only must he be seen to be appreciated but the type of pigs he breeds is his best recommendation. He is one of the large boars of the Chester White breed, weighing 1000 lbs. in show-shape. He is a very tall hog, with extreme length, a high arched back, wide open eye, and stands on his feet like a pig. Besides being a sire of the Big Type that are in demand now, he is a show hog as well. He was first prize Jr. Yearling at the Ill. State Fair 1917. In 1919 he was five times Grand Champion at such shows as the I. & I., and the Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi State Fairs. As you will notice he is not related to many of the popular blood lines of today. Not only has he won in the show ring, but his get have also, as our 1919 and 1920 show herds were almost all sired him.

CHIEF BIG BONE 85755

Farrowed Aug. 18, 1919. Litter 6, R 5, B 4, S 1. Bred by Henry J. Butz, Rossville, Ind.

Prince Big Bone Jr. 56731 -	} Prince Big Bone 43569
	} Elmer's Pride 115642
Tillie 114984 -----	} Mo. Chief 43163
	} Miss Hart 94350

We spent a great deal of time and money looking for a boar we thought good enough to breed our great Fashion Plate Gilts to. We think we found it in Chief Big Bone. Talking of Big Type he certainly is it. This boar while only a fall yearling stands 34 inches high, 64 inches long, has a 9 inch bone, a wide open eye, a high arched back and the very best of feet and legs. If he don't cross good with those Fashion Plate Gilts we don't know how to mate them.

While this boar has never been shown he looks to us like the making of a real Sr. Yearling for next year.

A Sample of Our Offering

No. 1 Sunny May 198910

No. 2 Sunny Bess 198908

No. 3 Sunny Girl 198912

No. 4 Sunny Miss—Sent for record.

Farrowed Oct. 10, 1919. Litter 11. R 10, B 3, S 7.

Fashion Plate 42765-----	} Wide Awake 35447
	} Theda Bara 81158
Sunny Mag 110286-----	} Sunny Bar 34087
	} Marguerite 100117

No. 1 bred to Chief Big Bone Nov. 8, farrow Feb. 27.

No. 2 bred to Chief Big Bone Nov. 3, farrow Feb. 22.

No. 3 bred to Chief Big Bone Nov. 11, farrow March 2.

No. 4 bred to Chief Big Bone Nov. 23, farrow March 13.

In placing these four gilts first in the sale we do so for we think they deserve it. We do not think there will be any better ones go through the sale this winter. We realize that it will be hard to do these gilts justice in foot notes. We will say that they are what we have been trying to breed ever since we have been in the business. They are strictly big type, with high arched backs, extra long bodies and stand up high. They have a heavy bone, the best of feet and legs, in fact they are hard to fault.

No. 1 was first in class, and Jr. Champion gilt at the I. & I. fair; first in class at the Edgar and Coles County fairs, and was pronounced by several good judges as a real one. No. 2 was first in class at the Champaign Co. fair; second at the I. & I., Edgar and Coles Co. fairs. There is not much difference in Nos. 1 and 2. Some may think No. 2 the best. No. 3 is the largest of the gilts, and if they were shown now she would make 1 and 2 go some to beat her. No. 4 is as large as the others and has as large a bone, but her coat is a little wavy.

Anyone buying any of these four on a mail bid and they don't suit when they arrive, send them back as we can always use those kind in our herd.

Mail Bid Blank

Postoffice

Col. H. Z. O'Hair, Bushton, Illinois:

Please buy for me (number and sex wanted)

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AT H. A. MURPHY & SON'S SALE

using your best judgment, at the lowest price; limited according to the price I have marked opposite my different choices:

1st—No	\$	4th—No	\$
2d—No	\$	5th—No	\$
3d—No	\$	6th—No	\$

If you are not able to buy what I have marked at the price, please buy the best according to your judgment that you can for \$

Let me know after the sale if you have purchased anything for me or not, and if you have, ship by express to

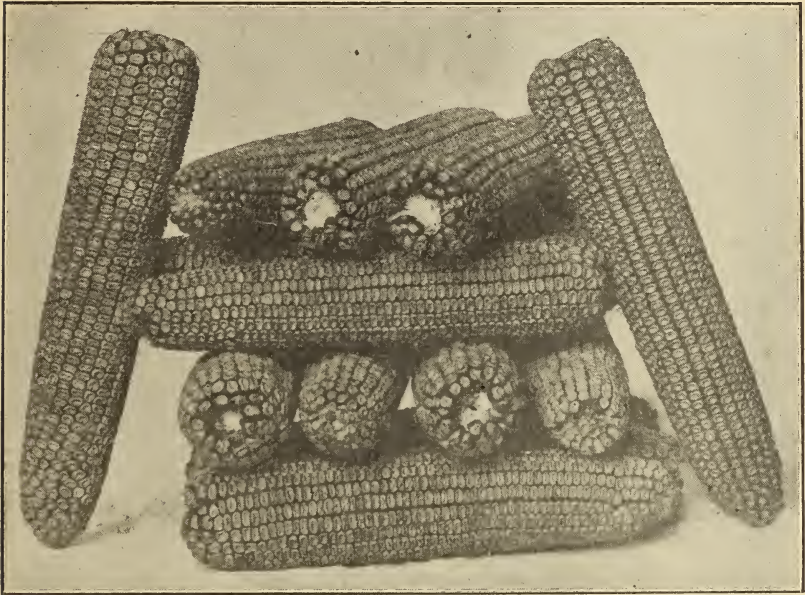
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Sale to be held at Charleston, Ill., Feb. 9

GRAND PRAIRIE SEED FARM



O'HAIR'S YELLOW DENT

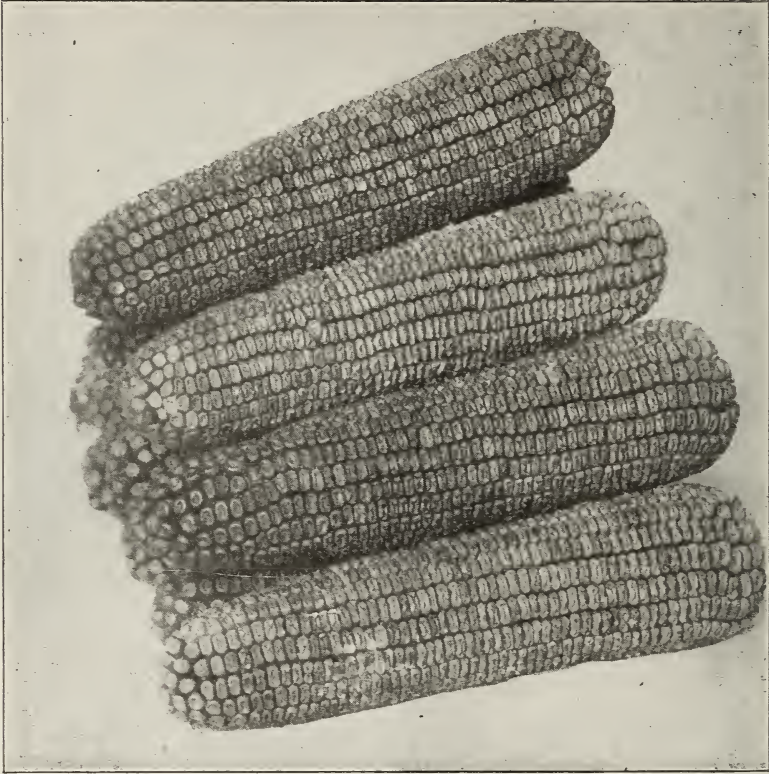
O'Hair's Yellow Dent is one of the finest varieties that is being grown. It is a trifle larger than Reid's and is equally as early. It has from 18 to 22 rows of kernels, closely set on cob, cob being well filled at both ends. This is a variety of my own breeding, a cross from Reid's Yellow Dent onto Benton's Long Yellow. If you want a large yellow corn that will make you bushels at husking time, order this. We are sure this is the finest variety of yellow corn to be had. Order it and you will be pleased with the results. Season 110 days.
Prices:

Ear corn in crate or bag.....\$4.50 per bushel
Corn shelled and graded.....\$4.50 per bushel

• No charges for crates or bags.

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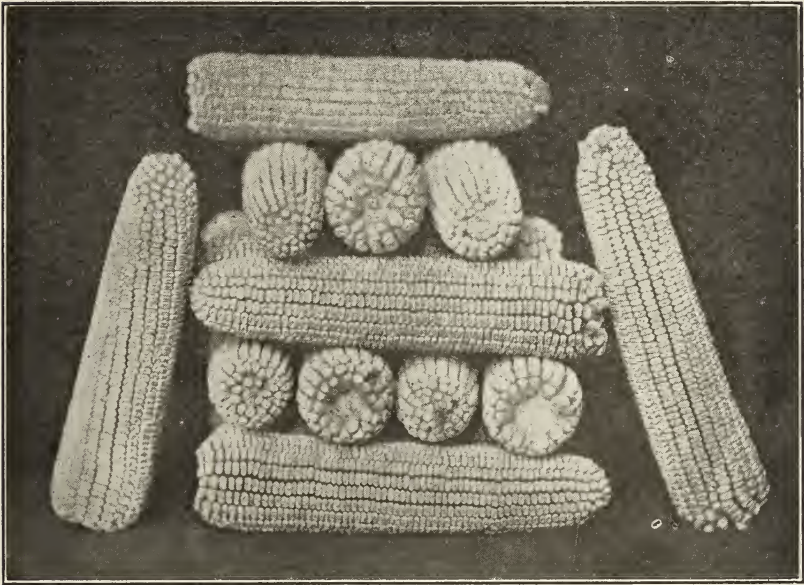
O'HAIR'S 90-DAY YELLOW DENT

The highest yielding early corn in existence. We have for several years been breeding this corn and so selecting the seed as to make it earlier, yet retain its high yielding qualities. The ears are generally 8 to 9 inches long and 16 to 20 rows of kernels. We firmly believe that O'Hair's 90-Day Yellow Dent is the highest yielding early corn in existence.

Ear corn in crate or bag.....\$4.50 per bushel
Corn shelled and graded.....\$4.50 per bushel

No charges for crates or bags.

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O'HAIR'S HIGH YIELDING BOONE COUNTY WHITE

This famous corn has made a record for big yields that has never been reached by any other variety. There are other good varieties of white corn, but this is immense corn. A few years ago this corn seemed a little too late, but we have taken a great deal of pains to breed this corn to a point where it can be planted with safety. Don't be afraid to order this if you want to raise a bumper crop. Ears from 9 to 11 inches long and weighing from one to one and three-fourths pounds at husking time. Good depth of grain and moderately rough. Matures from 110 to 120 days.

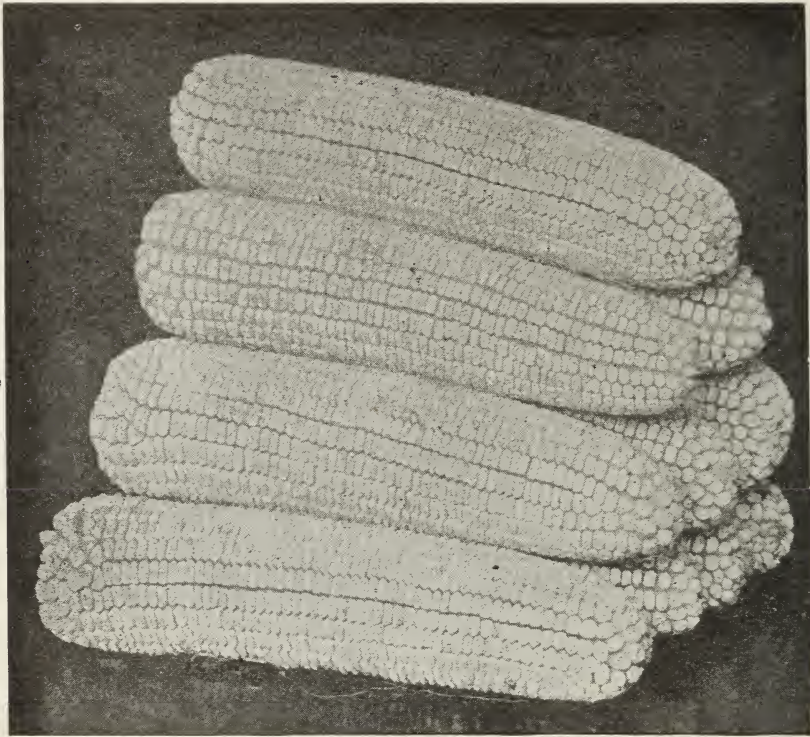
Ear corn in crate or bag.....\$4.50 per bushel

Corn shelled and graded.....\$4.50 per bushel

No charges for crates or bags.

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O'HAIR'S WHITE DENT

This is a very fine variety of corn. It has many of the characteristics of Reid's only it is white. It is sound and firm. Ears are uniform, grains deep and close on the cob, cob white, 18 to 24 rows, ears 9 to 11 inches long, good stalks and rank grower. Matures in about 110 days.

No finer variety of white corn could be had than this. Order it, it will please you in quality and crop.

We frankly say there is not better white corn than this.

Ear corn in crate or bag.....\$4.50 per bushel

Corn shelled and graded.....\$4.50 per bushel

No charges for crates or bags.

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THE SEED

DEAR CUSTOMER:

We are very much pleased with the time and manner, in putting up our seed for the coming year's trade. Long before the freeze came, we had many men in the field picking the seed: selecting the best matured, and most uniform ears, and they were immediately taken to the house and stored on the dry rack as shown on page three, and we are sure that no one ever had better seed than we have to offer to the trade. Many hundreds of bushels of Seed Corn was selected and stored in this manner, in fact all the seed we have was so selected and stored, and we are sure it is as good or better than we have ever had. This seed is all stored in this mammoth seed house, where it has the very best of ventilation, as there are 70 doors and windows in this mammoth structure that are kept open in good weather, and when the cold freezing weather comes, the necessary heat is supplied and none of the germs are injured by sudden changes in the temperature.

In selecting the most uniform and typical ears are selected. Here in the house they remain until winter when it is again picked over and all ears examined and all faulty ones thrown out.

We prefer to sell the corn in the ear, but will shell it, and grade it ready for the planter box if you so desire. The ear corn and the shelled and graded or sized corn is the same price. Bags and crates for corn are free.

We guarantee that nothing but large, fully matured ears go into the shelled corn, and that it will germinate as well and grow as much corn to the acre as the ear corn.

If you want corn for the breeding plat, you must have ear corn.

We have some very fancy seed and for this grade of seed we charge \$10 per bushel, and have customers who order for their entire planting from this class of corn. If you want something fancy, order this, and you will like it, and will not regret your action.

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Our Responsibility—As this catalog will go into the hands of many who are not acquainted with us, this question will naturally arise, and as to our responsibility, integrity and straight forward manner of doing business, we will refer you to the First National Bank, and the National Trust Bank of Charleston, Illinois, also the Rardin Bank, Rardin, Illinois

Broom Corn Seed

Don't forget that we are the largest breeders and growers of Strictly Fancy Seed Corn and Broom Corn Seed. We have the Improved Tennessee Evergreen, Austrian, White Italian, Black Japanese Evergreen, and Evergreen Dwarf. We furnish Broom Corn Seed in 33 states and have the seed to suit your locality. Read pages thirteen and fourteen of this catalog, and you will see that we have the seed to suit you and the **QUALITY** is the best to be had. Ask for sample. Do it now.

IMPROVED TENNESSEE EVERGREEN

This variety has always been an old time favorite, largely grown in Central Illinois as well as the Western States. The seed was obtained from Tennessee and acclimated, making the brush of better quality. A fine variety.

Price \$5.00 per bushel. Bags free.

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WHITE ITALIAN

This is also a very fine variety. We grew White Italian Broom Corn the first time in 1911. The seed had then just been imported from Sidney, Australia. It is now thoroughly acclimated, and the brush grows mostly to HURL, and of very fine quality, and although my brush was allowed to stand until the seed was thoroughly ripe, yet the brush has a very fine color, being only a trifle stained. The demand for this variety has increased wonderfully in the last two or three years. Price \$5.00 per bushel. Bags free.

AUSTRIAN

We have been growing this variety for eleven years. We have hundreds of customers who will not plant any other variety. It is noted for its long, green, hurl brush. In a test plat in 1910 we grew 1,400 pounds to the acre of this variety. If you want to grow long hurl, order this.

Price \$5.00 per bushel. Bags free.

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BLACK JAPANESE EVERGREEN BROOM CORN SEED

This is a standard variety, and grows about the same in height as the Tennessee Evergreen. The brush grows from 18 to 22 inches in length, and is of the very finest, silkiest fibre we have ever seen. The brush grows plump at tips and the factories like this brush, as there is so little waste in the making of brooms. Another thing about this variety the brush will not turn red in color, even though the brush is allowed to stand for weeks after it is ready to cut, but will be a dark green color.

This variety is being extensively grown for the reasons given above, besides it is an excellent yielder, full tips on brush, and the fine silky texture, is unsurpassed, furthermore it matures about 15 days earlier than the other standard sorts. Price \$5.00 per bushel. Bags free.

MAMMOTH AND EVERGREEN DWARF BROOM CORN SEED

We have a nice lot of Strictly Fancy Mammoth or Evergreen Dwarf Broom Corn Seed, which was grown by us here on our own farm, and it is the very finest Dwarf that we have ever been able to procure. The stalks grow to a height of 4½ to 5½ feet, and the brush is long and fine, and is positively the best thing you can buy, where a dwarf variety is wanted. Order this and you will have what you want, if you want dwarf stalks with long green brush. Price \$5.00 per bushel.

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BROOM CORN CULTURE AND INFORMATION

Broom Corn belongs to the same family as cane or sorghum. Good results are obtained on the best black corn land and does well on thinner soils. In preparing the soil, careful attention should be given to get a good seed bed, fall or early spring breaking being preferable. In Central Illinois, planting is generally begun by May fifteenth and generally done by the twentieth of June. In Southern Texas planting is often begun in February and March and the general rule is not to plant until the land has warmed up pretty well having plenty of heat in the land to shove the young plants as fast as possible as it grows rather slowly until the plants are about six inches high. There is no set rule for planting, as to time, only as indicated above. We have many customers in Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, as well as hundreds of customers in Illinois, and in fact we have customers in 33 states, and it would be impossible for us to tell just when to plant for best results, only as indicated above. Here in Central Illinois we plant 50 to 60 seed to the rod, but in other places thicker planting is desired and for the information of those who do not understand the amount required to plant an acre or the amount of land that one bushel of clean seed will plant, we give below a table which will help to determine the amount of seed that will be required:

Drilled in rows 3 feet 4 inches apart, 40 seed to the rod plants 34 acres.

Fifty seed to the rod plants 27 acres; 60 seed plants 20 acres; 70 seed plants 18 acres; 80 seed plants 16½ acres; 90 seed plants 14¾ acres; 100 seed plants 13¼ acres; 110 seed plants 11 acres, and 120 seed plants 10 acres.

You should get seed that is good, and from some reliable grower and plant only about the required number of seed that you want stalks, (just a little more) and you will have much better success than you will have to plant the seed so thick that you will hardly have a good decent brush in the crop. Fifty to 70 seed per rod is generally planted to obtain best results.

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Where whisk corn is raised it is advisable to plant some thicker than is ordinarily done. Broom corn is raised and thrives and does well over a wider range of country than any other crop with which we are familiar. We have made large shipments of broom corn seed to the Rio Grande country in South Texas, and they were so satisfactory that the orders continue to come each year.

In a large part of the broom corn growing district, sheds are built especially for the curing of the brush, after it is threshed, and this is the only way that a passable grade of brush can be had in many parts of the country, but we realize that in many parts of the country, it is almost impossible to have and to maintain sheds for this purpose, for various reasons. Every broom corn grower knows his conditions and circumstances better than we do, but we want to urge you to handle the broom corn with all care possible, preserve that fine green color and silky texture and not allow it to remain in the field for days and days after it is pulled or cut, and lose one-half of the real value of the brush. You have no doubt noticed in the past that brush buyers were more anxious to buy some crops than others, and for the sole reason that some men handle their brush better than others, and are rightly entitled to a better price, for their diligence and care. You may have a bad growing season and may have an excessive amount of rain just at harvest time, which may prevent you from having the quality so much desired; but if the season was favorable all through from planting time to the day of finishing the crop in the bale, your crop wouldn't be the kind you most desired if you planted inferior seed.

There is no place in the world, that we know of, where broom corn SEED is grown so extensively and kept so pure as here in Central Illinois. We grow five varieties of broom corn for the SEED. Improved Tennessee Evergreen, Austrian, White Italian, Black Japanese Evergreen and Evergreen Dwarf. The Improved Tennessee Evergreen is the variety generally grown in the Western States, where a standard variety is wanted, and grows a very fine long brush; although the Black Japanese Evergreen is becoming very popular.

High Grade Seed Corn

It costs more to grow a crop for seed than some people think. It not only requires extra choice stock seed, great care in harvesting, cleaning, grading, testing, storing, preparing for shipment, etc., but the cutting out of barren stalks and weaklings in the corn and keeping the noxious weeds from the smaller seeds is quite an item to take into consideration. You can readily see that we are obliged to ask an advance over the market price for our seeds, and your intelligence as a progressive farmer, will appreciate the fact that it is a business proposition for you to invest in such seeds. Remember, our guarantee protects you. It means satisfaction, or your money back. The seeds must be right, you are to be the judge.

Crate and Shelled Corn

When corn is to be shelled, the tip or small end of the ear is taken off, which removes the small inferior kernels. It then passes through the sheller, into a hopper below, and then is carried by an elevator to the third story of the building where it is again caught in a hopper. It is then passed down through a grader made for that special purpose, taking out with the first separation the dust and chaff and round and butt kernels, with the second separation the thin or flat kernels, and then it is ready for the edge drop, or whole hill planters, which insures a uniform stand. Ear corn and shelled corn the same price.

GRAND PRAIRIE SEED FARM

O. I. C. Swine

We have been breeding O. I. C's. for the past eleven years and during that time we have sold hundreds of choice animals to the breeders. We have the very choicest blood lines, and if you want to improve the quality of your herd, write us your wants, as we are sure we can please you; for we have the big growthy kind, that is so well liked by the breeders and feeders.

We make pork of every individual not right up to the best, so we can assure our customers that they are getting the best there is to be had for the money.

If you are, in anyway, interested in this breed, we will be pleased to have you write us your requirements, giving age and description of what you want.

Big Type Poland China Boars and Gilts for Sale

We have a herd of Poland Chinas that are an excellent lot, and if you are in need of a young boar or a few good gilts of this breed write us your wants.

We have pigs sired by Jack Buster, that are the right kind and will please you, and if you want the big stretchy kind, place your order with us. We guarantee absolute satisfaction on everything sold.

We positively will not ship you anything only the best to be had.

Write us your wants. Do it now.

Our Motto: "It pays to breed the BEST."

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