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PROFESSOR HOLDEN, OF AMES, URGES TESTING OF EVERY EAR.

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Necessity For Testing Never So Great as This Year, Says Holden—Germination Box Simple of Construction and Results Are Decisive—Directions to Be Observed.

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Ames, Feb. 10.—Professor Holden, superintendent of the agricultural extension department of Iowa State College, has issued a final warning regarding the condition of seed corn this year, and has given to the farmers of the state instructions in making a satisfactory test of their seed. The seed, he says, is the worst in years and the testing of every ear is urged. His method follows:

Test six kernels from each ear intended for seed. Do it the last half of February and the first half of March. If you must buy seed, get it of a neighbor or as near home as possible. The seed corn which is to be planted this spring is the worst that Iowa has had for many years. The very hard freezes which came the second week in October killed a large part of the corn then in the field. Many who had their seed saved before that freeze are finding that the vitality is bad.

During the annual short course at Ames all of the 786 samples of corn entered for prizes, were tested for vitality. These samples represent the very best seed of the state and are much above the average. The following table shows the results of the test:

Table with 4 columns: Section, Bad, Weak, Strong. Rows for Northern, North Central, Southern, Average of state.

While some samples were very good, many others were worthless for seed. The average seed for the state is undoubtedly much below that sent to Ames to compete for prizes.

Many will have to buy the seed they plant this spring. This seed should be purchased as near home as possible. Corn grown from seed brought in from a distance does not yield as well nor mature as well as that from home grown seed.

The extension department is already receiving inquiries for seed. In order that such inquiries may be referred to men in their own sections, it will be appreciated if those having seed or cribs of old corn which is in good condition will write to the extension department giving the variety, amount, and price of the seed which they have to sell.

Let every man test six kernels from each ear he plants. This should be done during the last of February and the first of March so that those who do not have enough seed of their own may have time to procure it from some of their neighbors.

The Germination Box. The most practical way for testing the germination of each ear of seed corn is by using a germination box. This is a simple affair and can be made by any one in an hour. Any box about three or four inches deep and 30x30 inches in size may be used. Fill the box about half full of moist sawdust well pressed down so that it will have a smooth even surface. The sawdust should be put in a gunny sack and set in a tub of warm water for at least an hour (or still better over night) so that it will be thoroughly moistened before using. Rule off a piece of good white cloth (sheeting) about the size of the box, checker board fashion, two and a half inches each way. Number the squares 1, 2, 3 and so on. Place it over the sawdust and tuck it to the corners and edges. Lay out the ears to be tested side by side on the floor; remove one kernel from near the butt, middle and tip of the ear; turn the ear over and remove three kernels from the opposite side in like manner, making six kernels in all thus securing a sample from the entire ear. Place the six kernels at the end of the ear from which they are taken. Use care that the kernels do not get mixed with the kernels from the ear next to it. After the kernels are removed boards may be laid over the rows of corn to keep them in place until the germination is known. Place the kernels from the ear of corn No. 1 in square No. 1 of the germination box; from ear No. 2 in square No. 2 and so on with all the ears. Lay a piece of good cloth on top of the kernels and dampen by sprinkling water over it. Then place over this a cloth considerably larger than the box and fill in on top of this with about two inches of moist sawdust and press down firmly, folding the edges of cloth to cover the sawdust. Keep in a warm place where it will receive the light of the sun for at least about six days. Then remove the cover

carefully to avoid displacing the kernels in the squares. Examine the kernels in the germination box and discard all that are worthless or show weak germination.

This box as it is made up with the corn in it and ready to be set away for germination may be described as follows: Two inches of moist sawdust firmly packed in the bottom; then laid upon this sawdust is the germination cloth (ruled in squares) with the kernels of corn laid upon it, a second cloth spread over the kernels, then a third cloth larger than the box spread over this with two inches of moist sawdust packed firmly over this.

Special Things to Be Observed. Be sure to soak the sawdust at least one hour—or better, still over night. Use good quality of cloth (sheeting) for the cloth that is marked off in squares and the cloth which is laid over the kernels.

Leave at least two inches margin around the edges of the box to prevent freezing and drying out. Rule the cloth off in large squares (2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches). Never use the box the second time without first thoroughly scalding both the cloth and sawdust. (The cloth better be unbleached and the sawdust removed to do this.) Do not open too soon. The stem sprouts should be at least two inches long. Throw out all ears showing weak germination as well as the worthless ones.

EAGLE GROVE SHORT COURSE. Programs For Evening Sessions to Be Held Latter Part of Month.

Special to Times-Republican. Eagle Grove, Feb. 10.—During the week of the short course, from Feb. 21 to 27, the following educational programs will be given in the evenings: Monday—"Good Roads," by Professor Holden. Music by Sorensen's orchestra.

Tuesday—Patriotic program of recitations and songs. Flag drills by primary school children. Wednesday—Platform addresses by different Ames instructors and Wright county farmers. Governor Carroll has been asked to be present and will give an address.

Thursday—Graded school spelling contest. Rural school spelling contest. Cash prizes given of \$10, \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1. Friday—Fourth number of the Equality Club lecture course; an illustrated lecture by Peter MacQueen.

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