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Fine Seeds.

THE WILE SEED CO., THORNTOWN, IND.

Sufficient attention is not given to farm seeds by the majority of farmers and by most seedsmen this department is made of secondary importance. This is not as it should be. These are the crops in which the farmer is most interested. They are money crops. Success or failure depends on them: hence how important that those varieties be selected that are most reliable and give the greatest results. As an observing man passes through a farming community, those farmers can be pointed out, who are enterprising, wide-awake and progressive. The surroundings are a fair index of the farmer. The experimenting farmer is the most prosperous of all. He recognizes that varieties of grain are running out (dying) and that new ones must take their place. He procures seed of all the promising kinds, tests them and selects the best to grow. Thus he always has the best and all the farmers who understand their business know that there is a great difference between the best and the poor varieties of farm crops. We can help farmers on the road to prosperity if they procure their farm seeds of us.



HOW WE HANDLE OUR CORN.



Our seed corn was all selected early in the fall, and carefully fire dried. We have a large dry house built expressly for the purpose with a capacity of 2,500 bushels. We keep fire in dry house all winter. This keeps our corn dry until spring. This is the only safe and reliable method of keeping seed corn perfectly good. Seed corn kept in the old way, without being fire dried, while it is good and much better than to depend upon selecting from the crib in the spring, yet it is not so good as fire dried corn, as it is subject all winter to the sudden changes of temperature, often being exposed to very severe cold weather, the corn freezing hard, which does not hurt the germ so long as it is perfectly dry, but following the severe cold spell there comes a thawout and everything becomes damp, the germ of the corn being porous, absorbs moisture in this condition. Should a sudden cold snap come before this moisture is evaporated it will greatly weaken and often entirely destroy the germ. These sudden changes always impair and weaken the germ, if not wholly destroy it. This is not the case with fire dried corn which has been kept perfectly dry all winter. The germ of such corn is strong and vigorous and when planted in the spring will germinate quickly and grow strong and healthy, while corn that has been weakened by freezing will grow off weak and often fail to give a stand. Failure in a stand always cripples the crop that season. Buy fire dried corn and run no risk.

BOONE COUNTY WHITE.

This is one of the best white corns that we have any knowledge of. It has been improved for twenty-five years. It is a pure white corn, all white cob, grains deep, thick and meaty, well filled out over tip of ear, ears long and uniform from butt to tip, stalks of medium height, thick and strong, seldom ever blows down, is remarkably yieldy. It will raise from eighty to one hundred bushels per acre on good ground. It is regarded by millers to be the best bread corn in the country. It has been bred so carefully for so many years that there are very few nubbins unless it is planted too thick in a hill. It took first premium at the Prairie Farmer's Great Corn Show at Chicago in 1885. It also took second premium year before last at the Farmers' Great Corn Show, having to compete with fifteen states, including Kansas and the Southern States where large corn can be grown. It also took first premium at the World's Fair in 1893 and scores of other premiums at fairs and expositions. It has made both a local and national reputation. Farmers cannot afford to do without this corn as the price is very reasonable. One peck, **40 cents**; one-half bushel **60 cents**; one bushel **\$1.00**. Sacks **15c**. Price by mail postpaid, one large sample ear **20 cents**. For **90 cents**

we will send you one ear of each of our five varieties. One pound shelled of any variety **25** cents. Samples of all kinds with section of cob **25** cents. Sample ears all kinds, by express, not prepaid, **40** cents.

WHITE ECLIPSE.

We have sold this grand corn for 3 years, the customers residing in all parts of the country and no variety of corn would more completely fill the requirements for a profitable variety. It is early enough to mature in the latitude of Northern Indiana and large enough to be profitable in the south where it comes weeks ahead of their late sorts. We have fully tested this on different soil and find it to supply a long felt want. We are confident that it has all the best qualities of the leading white corn; it has no superior for thin ground and large yielder on good ground. It matures early. It is safe to plant north and south with perfect safety. This is what we have been working for to get as large a corn as possible so it will mature before the drought, which has ruined our corn crops of late years. This variety of corn is without equal in this respect. The stalks grow from 10 to 12 feet high, a vigorous grower, ears early. The ears are from 4 to 5 feet from the ground and two ears on many stalks. The ears are 10 inches long and frequently grow even longer. Grains are very deep, color pure white, firm and good texture. Cob small and white, ears uniform from butt to tip, grows straight, and ears of this variety are well filled out at the ends. Matures in about 100 days, yields very heavy. It proves to be a very superior corn. It took first premium at the Farmer's Great Corn Show December 14, 1898, having to compete with over 300 entries. It has made itself a great reputation. Farmers cannot afford to do without this corn as the price is very reasonable. Price same as Boone County White.

DUNGAN'S WHITE PROLIFIC.

This is a remarkably fine, large white corn. It has been improved and brought into its present high standard by W. S. Dungan. Mr. Dungan has improved this corn by a careful system of scientific culture. It is a medium early variety and exceedingly prolific, often yielding 100 bushels per acre a good season on good land. It took first premium at the Indiana State Fair five years in succession. It is perfectly pure white, all white cobs. Reliability is stamped on this corn. It is a corn that has not failed to produce a paying crop the worst corn years we have had in Indiana in the past 10 years and in favorable seasons yields 80 to 120 bushels per acre of the finest corn that ever grew inside of corn husks. We know this corn will please. The farmer that plants Dungan's White Prolific will have the richest harvest of the most superior corn that grows. It is early and will mature in northern Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, etc. The grain is deep, compact and heavy, ears medium to large size, well filled out over end. We are anxious to have every good farmer who raises corn to become acquainted with its merits this year. We know it will be money for them and thus secure to us a friend and customer for our other varieties of seed corn. Price same as Boone County White.

IMPROVED LEAMING.

A popular variety which has given general satisfaction all through the United States. A strong and vigorous grower, stalks heavy and leafy, often bearing two fine ears. In color a rich yellow, grains deep and solid, set on a small cob. Thousands of our best farmers think it is the best corn that grows. It has been planted for forty years and has never failed. It is a corn that will be planted for all time to come; it always matures and never has any chaffy corn. can be planted anywhere in the United States. Price same as Boone County White.

MUNN'S EARLY YELLOW.

Is a medium sized corn and is very productive; it is golden yellow, grains deep and meaty, well filled out over tip of ear, ears good length and uniform from butt to tip; stalks of medium height, seldom ever blows down. It will yield on good ground from seventy to eighty bushels per acre, and at least eighty per cent. seed corn. Price same as Boone County White.

FAVORITE YELLOW DENT.

This corn is a cross fertilization of Golden Yellow and Pride of the North. To improve this corn I select the most perfect and uniform ears for our own planting next year, thus securing a rapid improvement. The large number of fine premiums it has taken at the leading fairs of the United States proves it to be a very superior corn. It took first premium for the yellow dent at the Prairie Framers' Great Corn Show at Chicago in 1885, where it had 150 entries brought from fifteen different states to compete against. It again took second premium for yellow dent at the Prairie Farmers' Great Corn Show at Chicago in 1886, the largest corn show ever held in any country, also first at Chicago in 1893. It is a bright yellow corn; ears of medium length and of uniform thickness from butt to tip, cob very small and uniformly red, grains remarkably deep and well filled out over tip of ears; makes a splendid corn for cattle or any kind of stock. We have sold this corn ten seasons with the most flattering results. It has become a great favorite. Our crop this year is exceptionally fine; notwithstanding the unfavorable season, is thoroughly matured. All who have tested it pronounce it the most valuable Yellow Dent corn, of strongest growth, largest grains, smallest cob, quickest to ear and ripen, finest fodder, and most productive variety. In short, we are fully convinced that if its merits were known by all corn growers, there would be such a demand for seed that no one county in the famous corn state of Indiana could grow enough to supply the demand. Every corn grower should get enough to plant one field or more, and thus get a variety of corn that will increase his crop and correspondingly increase his profits. Price same as Boone County White.

GOLDEN SUPERB.

A new, very large golden dent variety, medium early, can be grown as far north as the Great Lakes, and outyield any other yellow dent.

It originated in Connecticut and is a fine feeding corn. James Ferguson, Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 2, writes: "I am about to harvest my Golden Superb Corn. I have never seen such good corn in my life. Its yield is immense, better than you claim. There is not a field of corn in the state of New Jersey that can beat it. Some of the stalks have four good ears with 24 rows of kernels, exceedingly handsome. I shall take it to the state fair." Price same as Boone County White.

THE AMERICAN BANNER OATS.

Are a very heavy oats, weighing 40 pounds to the bushel. Don't grow common light oats when there is a chance to make oats raising pay at a small outlay of money. The White Banner oats have a thin hull, making excellent feeding and a good seller in the market. Stiff straw, and ripens early. Don't sow common oats when you can double your yield by sowing White Banner. Our experiment station gives this variety the largest average yield for five years, over 15 other varieties. Our price is within the reach of all. **50** cents per bushel; 10 bushels or more, **45** cents per bushel. Sacks **10** cents.

IMPROVED POTENTATES POTATOES.

A new and very early variety, that cannot be excelled for late keeping or cooking. Will ripen in eight weeks. Its handsome form, white skin, large and uniform size, recommend it everywhere, and you will grow no other variety when you know its merits. The flesh is white and fine grained, cooks dry and mealy, and is of superior flavor. This is the case when first dug, and they retain their good cooking qualities, and keep sound until the new crop comes again. As a variety to keep for late spring use it has no superior. Vines grow vigorously, foliage deep green. The tubers grow compactly in the hill, which is completely crowded with fine large potatoes. In the matter of productiveness they are wonderful beyond all expectation. By all odds this is the most suitable potato for marketing and for home use and a potato of unusual value. Every farmer or gardener should plant at least a few for seed. OUR PRICE:— $\frac{1}{4}$ bushel, **25** cents; $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel, **40** cents; 1 bushel, **60** cents.

x x WARRANTY. x x

We warrant all our seed first class and to grow with proper treatment, and to be as represented.

x x OUR TERMS. x x

Cash with each order. We have a great many orders to fill in the busy season and we cannot undertake to open any account.

x x HOW TO REMIT. x x

A registered letter. Every postmaster must register letter. Postal notes obtained at money order postoffice and costs but 5 cents for sums under five dollars; money order, New York or Chicago draft or express. Stamps taken same as money in small amounts. No personal checks accepted. Corn sent by freight unless otherwise ordered. When ordering please write your name, postoffice, county and state plainly.

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