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SUGAR BEETS.

Great interest is now being manifested in the culture of the Sugar Beet in Missouri, and in order to answer more definitely the numerous inquiries received from farmers, boards of trade and capitalists as to whether the beet can be successfully and profitably grown in Missouri, the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, at Columbia, will continue the extensive experiments on this subject which have been carried on in former years.

The Station desires to have the beets grown in at least two representative localities in every county in the State. The United States Department of Agriculture has just supplied the station with a large quantity of seed of the best variety, and these seed will be distributed free of charge to any farmer making application for the same. To secure this seed, address Director H. J. Waters, Columbia, Mo.

The experiments already conducted at the Station with the

Sugar Beet have extended over four seasons, and included beets grown in twenty-five counties of the State. From these results it is perfectly clear that a large crop can be grown on most of the Missouri soils. The only point about which there is serious doubt is whether we will be able to produce a beet containing a high per cent. of sugar and a small per cent. of impurities. The beets thus far grown in the State have proven to be only moderately rich in sugar.

The experiment station will furnish the seed, with full directions for growing the beets, pay the express charges on a few of the beets to be sent to Columbia in the fall, and will make a careful analysis of the same and report the results in bulletin form for free distribution among our farmers. It is hoped therefore that a number of men in every county will make application for these seeds, and assist the Station in making a thorough test of the matter.