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"Funk's Seeds"

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Bloomington,  
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Permit No. 3

# B O U Q

Ewing, Ill., Dec. 23, 1915.

I have the most profound respect for Funk's Bros. Seed Co., and their method of doing business; I believe they are as interested as you are that you succeed with their seeds and when you find people like that, it is good business to stay with them.

I have used your seed corn for the past two years and under the most unfavorable conditions that one could imagine; last year I had an excellent stand and I never saw corn do better for three weeks than the dry weather began and we did not have another drop of rain till the 17th of August; with surface cultivation I succeeded in getting some good fodder but not corn.

This year, I planted the 90 Day Yellow and I never saw a better stand, in fact, I had to thin it, then it began to rain and hasn't quit yet. I only plowed my corn once this year and with this excessive amount of moisture you can imagine the amount of weeds and grass that would infest the fields, under such conditions as these I made very good fodder and about 20 bu. per acre.

Yours truly,

Ezra Phillips.

Unity, Ill., Dec. 27, 1915.

The seed corn purchased from you last Spring did well. I raised 65 bu. per acre and the corn fully matured and I think I am safe in saying I had the best field of corn in this vicinity. The variety I bought of you, as you doubtless remember was the Boone County White and I believe it is one of the best varieties to raise in this locality.

Yours truly,

Geo. Hodges.

Gibson City, Ill., Dec. 23, 1915.

The seed corn that I got from you last Spring did well for me; it made 65 bushels per acre; the wind did not lay it down like my other corn and also matured earlier; have sold some seed corn from same and will have some more to sell. I do not think that a person makes a mistake in buying seed corn from you.

Yours truly,

Herman Peters, R.R. No. 3.

El Paso, Ill., Dec., 1915.

The Boone County White Corn we got from you this Spring made 40 bu., mixed white varieties from a neighbor made 45, while Funk's Yellow Dent we got from you about six years ago made 50; your Yellow Dent I think is hard to beat for any kind of ground or season. The Alfalfa we got from you came up fine.

Yours truly,

Fruin Bros.

Everset, Kans., Dec. 24, 1915.

The Funk's Yellow Dent Seed Corn I received from you last Spring made a fine stand, but excessive rains washed it out in places, but compared to the crop from other seed it yielded about 20% more corn per acre.

Yours truly,

J. A. Larson

Atlanta, Iowa, R.R. No. 1, Dec. 27, 1915.

The two bushels of seed corn I got of you last Spring was a good investment for me; it was Funk's Gold Standard and it made 100 bushels to the acre.

Yours truly,

M. A. Bell.

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 28, 1915.

My corn got ripe and made 125 bu. to the acre; it was planted the 10th of May on rich ground. Your corn grows 10 to 15 bu. to the acre more than other corn on the same land, as I have tried it side by side.

Yours truly,

Robt. F. Johnston.

Weedsport, N. Y., Jan., 1916.

I was well satisfied with the seed I got from you last year; it got ripe and I should say that it would at least give 100 bushels to the acre.

Yours very truly,

Henry K. Jarvis.

State College, Pa., Jan. 4, 1916.

I used part of the corn for silage and part husked what was left; could not tell exactly, but know it ran over 100 bushels ears per acre, which is considered very good here.

Yours truly,

James J. Markle.

Girard, Pa., Jan. 8, 1916.

I must say of your corn that it made about 120 bu. per acre where our own corn made about 40 bu.. It grew 11 to 14 ft. high and had from 3 to 7 ears per hill.

Yours truly,

O. H. Cross.

Henderson, Ky., R.F.D. No. 1, Feb. 7th, 1916.

Will say that Seed Corn I purchased from you last Spring was very fine; think every grain came up, as I had the most perfect stand ever and shucked some of the best corn in all my life.

Yours truly,

J. C. Smith.

Peru, Ind., R.R. No. 11.

The bushel of shelled corn, Funk's Yellow Dent, was tested for germination soon after I received it and tested 99 per cent good out of 100 grains.

Yours truly,

Willis E. Compton.

Kempton, Ind., R.R. No. 3, Jan., 1916.

Funk Bros.' seeds have been in favor with us for several years and we have never once been disappointed. "The test of the pudding is in the eating," and the test for Funk Bros.' seeds in the grainery. We have never made a mistake in buying seeds of you people.

Yours truly,

Van R. Boyer.

St. Thomas, Mo., Dec. 28, 1915.

The seed corn bought of you in 1915 gave good results. My land is good sandy Osage River Bottom and all I had that was not drowned out by high water yielded 75 bushels per acre. Our yield was 20 bushels per acre more than our neighbors.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Schell.

Sharpsburg, Ill., Dec. 24, 1915.

The seed we purchased from you was satisfactory.

Yours truly,

L. E. Mathers.  
"Haylands Farm.

# OATS

Memphis, Mo., Dec. 29, 1915.  
Oats from your seed is heavier than the black oats of our country.  
Yours truly,  
O. A. Barnes, R.R. No. 8.

Hilton, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1915.  
The seed oats I bought of you was O. K. in every way.  
Yours truly,  
Henry Uhl,  
"Button Wood Farm."

Paloma, Ill., Dec. 27, 1915.  
The Funk's Great American Oats. I got about two-thirds of them. I got 78 bushels and I think they are fine.  
Yours truly,  
P. J. Deege.

Great Bend, Pa., Dec., 1915.  
The Great American Oats purchased of you last year gave a very satisfactory yield, much ahead of the ordinary oats.  
Yours truly,  
J. F. Carl.

Monica, Ill., Dec. 29, 1915.  
They averaged 62 bu. to the acre. This was about 15 bu. to the acre better than from our seed.  
Yours truly,  
Jackson Leaverton.

Gillespie, Ill., Dec. 28, 1915.  
I had fine results from the seed I got of you last Spring, the oats was best I ever raised.  
Yours truly,  
E. H. Eilers.

Tamaroa, Ill., Dec., 1915.  
The Silver Mine Oats we got of you last Spring thrashed 55 bu. per acre, or 15 to 20 bu. above the average of the neighborhood.  
Yours truly,  
Chas. Selbert.

Alhambra, Ill., R.R. No. 3, Dec. 29, 1915.  
I bought of you 60 Day Oats and Red Texas Oats, which yielded 50 bushels to the acre.  
Yours truly,  
Edw. C. Isenberg.

Chatsworth, Ill., R.R. No. 1, Dec. 27, 1915.  
The Great American Oats that I bought from you last Spring will say that I am more than satisfied with the results.  
Yours truly,  
B. L. Miller.

Havana, Ill., Dec. 27, 1915.  
Sowed 10 acres of oats with Great American seed bought of you; made a magnificent crop; consider the American a good all-round variety.  
Yours truly,  
Chas. C. Mowder, R.R. No. 1.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27, 1915.  
The Great American Seed Oats I bought of you last year for Christian County yielded 65 bu. per acre and weighed 32 lbs. per bushel.  
Yours truly,  
Thos. Sudduth, R.R. No. 1.

Goodland, Ind., Dec. 31, 1915.  
Oats from you were best in this country; some as high as 90 bu. per acre; we sent sample to California Exhibition and got a Bronze Medal.  
Yours truly,  
C. L. Constable.

Carmel, Ind., Dec. 27, 1915.  
I am well pleased with the oats you sent me; they made about 65 bu. per acre and they weighed about 34 lbs. to the bu. They made 15 to 20 bushels per acre more than my neighbors did.  
Yours truly,  
A. F. Cox, R.F.D. No. 32.

Normal, Ill., Dec. 28th, 1915.  
We have had good results from the seeds bought from you last year. The oats went down some and made only 70 bushels to the acre, but was put away dry and will make good seed for the coming year.  
Yours truly,  
Allen Brown.

Centerville, Ind., Dec. 27, 1915.  
I will say that I had very good results considering the wet harvest, which we had. The oats averaged 60 bu. and I did not get to save all of them.  
Yours truly,  
Clarence Brumfield, R.R. No. 12.

Hebron, Indiana, Dec. 28, 1915.  
My wheat made 35 bushels per acre and one field of 13 acres made 40 bushels and I did not get all of it, owing to wet weather. The oats made about 70 bushels, a little better than other kind of oats here.  
Yours truly,  
H. J. Cornish.

Fillmore, Ill., Dec. 23, 1915.  
The Great American Oats purchased of you last Spring did wonderful considering the condition of the season; all the oats lodged badly, but the Great American elbowed up and made a good crop in spite of adverse conditions.  
Yours truly,  
C. H. Poland.

DeKalb, Ill., Dec. 30, 1915.  
The 100 bushels of Funk's Great American Oats did extremely well. I have about 3,000 bushels of this seed for use in the neighborhood here this coming season. The oat promises to be one of three or four of the best varieties for this section of Illinois.  
Very truly yours,  
Wm. G. Eckhardt.

Galva, Ill., Dec. 30, 1915.  
My corn was of better quality than most of the corn around here. My oats went 60 bushels per acre. On account of the rainy season, it is colored and has some sprouted kernels, but outside of that, it turned out just as good and better than oats that was raised on better land than mine.  
Yours truly,  
Martin Appell.



OAT FIELDS ON THE FUNK FARMS

# "Funk's Seeds Produce Greater Yields"

## Funk's High Yielding Seed Corn



All Ear Corn is Shipped in Our Wire Bound Boxes and Our Shelled Corn in Bags Bearing Our Stamp and Name.

For Our Highest Yielding, Extra Selected Seed Corn Prices are the Same for Any of the Following Varieties:

Funk's Yellow Dent	On the ear	Per bu.	\$5.00
Funk's Gold Standard Leaming	in boxes	One-half bu.	\$3.00
Funk's 90 Day	or shelled	One-quarter bu.	\$2.00
Funk's Boone County Special	in bags		
Funk's Silver King			
Funk's Bloody Butcher			

BAGS AND BOXES FOR CORN FREE

## Funk's Yellow Dent

This corn is bred from Reid's Yellow Dent and is a light golden color, very characteristic of this variety. Its solidity, uniformity, development of tip and butt, and extraordinary yield, together with its great feeding value, place it without a rival as an all-purpose corn. Unapproachable as a yielder, it withstands the harshest weather, and when shelled, more of this corn grades No. 2 on the Chicago market than any other variety. This alone sometimes means from two to ten cents per bushel premium over ordinary corn. It is medium early in maturity.

## Funk's Gold Standard Leaming

Funk's Gold Standard Leaming is a corn that is known as the Feeder's Friend. For cattle, hogs and sheep there is none better. Rich in both protein and oil, it becomes the ideal from a feeder's standpoint. For dairy districts, for ensilage purposes, Funk's Gold Standard Leaming is unsurpassed. It is of a rich yellow color and requires 110 to 120 days to fully mature.

## Funk's "90" Day

Funk's "90" Day corn is an early Yellow Dent variety with large yielding qualities. Since 1892, we have been breeding this corn earlier each year. Under ordinary conditions this corn can be fed by the middle of August. For the northern and eastern farmer this is an ideal silage corn, maturing early and at the same time making a large yield. In the South this corn has taken the place of the well known June corn, making a greater yield and being a fine drought resister. For the early feeder, or the man who has to replant or cannot plant until late, this corn is invaluable.

## Funk's Boone County Special

Bred from the Boone County White. A highly bred white corn of extra large size, containing a high percentage of oil. It is a medium late maturing variety. The great depth of kernel always insures a large percentage of shelled corn. The conformation of stalk is very effective in withstanding the destructive effect of high winds, being exceedingly large and stiff from ear to the ground. The rooting system is extensive, affording great facilities for gathering plant food. The foliage is abundant, leaves broad, thick and succulent, curing into large quantities of peerless fodder.

## Funk's Silver King

This is our earliest white corn, corresponding to Funk's "90" Day in the yellow varieties. It yields well. During past seasons this corn gave splendid satisfaction in spite of the drought in many sections of the country.

## Funk's Bloody Butcher

This is one of the old fashioned varieties, a red corn with white cap. Early maturing, big yielder. We grow a lot of it every year to commence early feeding to our hogs and cattle. It is full of oil and will out-weigh any of the other varieties in shelled corn.

## Funk's Great American Oats

CORN, Oats, Clover, followed by Wheat or Corn is the rotation followed on the Funk Farms. In 1903, 1904 and 1905, Mr. Norton, of the Department of Agriculture, was stationed by the U. S. Government on our seed farms for the purpose of studying and breeding oats and at that time we began with a series of test plots with over 200 varieties of oats gathered from all parts of the world. We continued these tests for a number of years, eliminating the low yielding and undesirable varieties, and this careful selection and testing resulted in the discovery of Funk's Great American Oats.

Below the picture is a table showing the marked difference between Funk's Great American Oats and its nearest competitor, 14.2 bushels for seven consecutive years. At the present market value of oats this means more than the cash rent on the average grain farm. Does this appeal to you? Hundreds of farmers who have secured Funk's Great American Seed Oats write us that as a rule they outyield anything they have ever tried. They are not a fancy oat any more than our highest yielding strains of corn are fancy ears, but they yield, and at the same time they sell with other white oats on the market for standard oats. Funk's Great American Oats are of medium early maturity, ripening about July 6th to 10th, according to season. The straw is medium heavy and makes the finest winter feed for horses when baled and fed with a little alfalfa molasses meal. Thousands of horses are being fed in the cities this winter in this way while hay is so high priced. Save your oat straw, Brother Farmers, don't burn it, it is worth too much money to you if you only knew it.

Remember, no other seed firm is able to offer these oats for they have been on the market but a few years. Sow Funk's Great American Oats and you will harvest more oats to the acre than ever before. We urge you to send your orders early. Do it now. Our stock is limited.

## Silver Mine Oats

Are perhaps the most generally sown and most widely known white oats in the central west. In our test plots they rank next to the top in yield and for years we considered them our leading oat. They produce a beautiful, white plump berry. The straw is strong and stands up well. We have hundreds of customers who will not sow anything but Silver Mine Oats.

## Funk's 60 Day Oats

For similar reasons that we offer Funk's "90" Day Corn, it often happens that one wishes to sow one field of early oats — first, in order not to have all of the oats harvest ripening at the same time; and second, we have found this early oat a money maker by sowing over the thin places in a frozen or drowned out wheat field. You can harvest these oats at the same time you do your Fall Wheat. These oats outyield the Early Champion or 4th of July oats and are not so susceptible to smut.



VISITORS INSPECTING OUR SMALL OATS PLOTS

Table Showing Difference Between Funk's Great American Oats and Other Varieties:

VARIETIES	Rank 1903	Rank 1904	Rank 1905	Rank 1906	Rank 1907	Rank 1908	Rank 1909	7-Year Average
FUNK'S GREAT AMERICAN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57.7
Silvermine	3	4	2	5	3	1	2	11.1
Big J	10	3	1	2	5	5	5	12
American Banner	12	7	12	1	11	2	3	11.1
Great Dakota	5	2	8	1	9	10	10	10.0
Missouri Shell	7	5	9	6	12	9	9	10.6
Outlet	2	12	11	7	1	13	13	10.1
Montana Late	4	9	10	9	2	12	11	12.5
Wesely Wonder	6	6	11	11	7	7	7	12.3
Taylor King	8	8	5	15	10	11	12	10.5
Red Rust Proof	13	11	6	8	13	3	3	15.8
Wisconsin No. 1	9	10	11	10	8	6	6	11.0
Hydesdale	13	13	15	11	15	11	13	11.0
Protestant	11	15	7	13	11	8	8	10.7

### PRICES FOR FUNK'S GREAT AMERICAN OATS

One to five bushels	\$1.35 per bushel
Six to sixty bushels	1.25 per bushel
Fifty-one to one hundred bushels	1.00 per bushel

### SPECIAL PRICES CAR LOAD LOTS

PRICES ON ANY OATS EXCEPT FUNK'S GREAT AMERICAN	
One to five bushels	\$1.25 per bushel
Six to fifty bushels	1.15 per bushel
Fifty-one or more bushels	1.00 per bushel

BAGS FREE



GENERAL VIEW OF PICNIC ON FUNK FARM JULY 9, 1915. MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

# "Funk's Seeds Produce Greater Yields"

*The Prices Listed on This Circular Are All Subject to Market Conditions, Therefore, We Quote for Immediate Acceptance and Our Further Confirmation.*

**Alfalfa** More than ever before attention is being given to the growing of Alfalfa. Space does not permit us to go into details at this time about the growing of Alfalfa, but to any one particularly interested we will gladly send a very complete little book on Alfalfa, published by the Illinois Farmers' Institute under the title of *Bulletin No. 18*. The seed we are now offering is grown especially for us on non-irrigated Kansas soil; this seed has proved to be especially hardy for all Corn Belt Conditions.

\$14.00 per bu.

**Clover** We handle all varieties of Clover seed including Red, Mammoth, Sweet, White and Alsike. Our seed is re-cleaned, and best quality. Prices quoted on application.

**Timothy** We re-clean all our seeds on the latest improved machinery. The Timothy we handle is bright and tested for germination. \$4.00 per bu.

**Dwarf Essex Rape** Every farmer who has hogs, sheep and young stock should plan to grow a patch of Rape. If you have an old feed lot upon which you wish to have something green during the summer besides weeds, sow four pounds of Rape seed to the acre on it and you will have a hog and sheep pasture all summer. 10c per lb.

**Soy Beans** One of the nitrogenous crops that is possessed of real merit. Combines both the fertilizing qualities of Clover and yield of forage with a seed crop that has a

higher nutritive value than oats. It should have its place in the rotation system of the farm. \$3.25 per bu.

**Cow Peas** No other crop is so well adapted to renovating old and clay soil. It will produce a crop on ground where Clover will no longer grow. Cow Peas sown broadcast and disked in after the early oats are cut will furnish a splendid pasture or furnish a fine crop of hay besides restoring nitrogen to the soil. \$3.25 per bu.

**Sweet Corn** There is no finer dish than roasting ears during the harvest season. Plant a few rows in your garden this year. Prices: "Country Gentleman" or "Funks Evergreen," quart, 25c; one-half peck, 60c; peck, \$1.00; bu., \$3.00.

**Millet** During the summer you may be short on hay and if so, Millet is a good substitute. It can be sown after oat harvest by disking and drilling in oat stubble. Ripens in fall for hay, before frost. \$1.50 per bu.

**Wheat** During the fall we can furnish you Funk's Turkey Red and Kharkof Wheat, Winter Rye for winter and early spring pasture, and we handle Barley, Speltz, Buckwheat, Broom Corn, Sugar Cane seed, Kaffir Corn and Vetch. Of course we don't grow all of these seeds but we are always in a position to know where the best seed can be obtained and we will gladly look after your wants if you will write us for prices. Prices quoted on application.



ANOTHER GENERAL VIEW ON THE FUNK FARMS

**TERMS:** While we exercise the greatest care, to have our seeds pure, true and reliable, we do not give any warranty, expressed or implied, and are in no way responsible for the crop.

**SPECIAL:** Previous to shipping, samples from each variety of corn, oats and other seeds are carefully tested for germination. We cannot send free samples of ear corn. Extra fancy ears of any variety will be sent postpaid for 50c, if remittance accompanies the order. All goods are shipped subject to your approval on arrival. All orders are subject to confirmation by home office.

Our seeds are put up in substantial boxes and bags and delivered to the railroads from which we receive a receipt that they are in good order. Our responsibility ceases here. When goods arrive at destination in bad order, bags torn or boxes broken and contents leaking, do not accept the goods or pay freight on same until station agent makes out a statement to that effect on your receipted

freight bill, which you should hold. You should at once put in claim to railroad for any loss or damages.

Our seeds are shipped with the understanding that you may have ten days after their arrival to make such tests as you may desire. If within that time they are found to be unsatisfactory, they are to be returned at once in original packages at our expense, and we will refund your money.

We cannot return money for any order that has been in your hands longer than ten days.

Prices are F. O. B. Bloomington or Funk's Grove, Illinois. Remittance MUST accompany each order.

Ear corn 70 pounds per bushel, net.

Shelled corn 56 pounds per bushel, net.

We make every effort to fill orders same day received. If you wish us to hold your order in our seed house until planting time, kindly advise us to that effect.

## Funk Bros. Seed Co. : Bloomington, Ill.

# Our Bloomington Warehouse and Office

Located at

## Bloomington, Illinois

We Are so Located that Our Customers Get Prompt  
Delivery with no Transfer Charges

### We Ship Over Five Railroads

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