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# Crop Report



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## OCTOBER VINE SEED CROP REPORT

We give no warranty, express or implied, as to the productiveness of any seeds or bulbs we sell and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. Our liability in all instances is limited to the purchase price of the seed.

Beginning at daybreak and continuing until dusk, over 20 units of our new, modern fleet of Vine Seed harvesters are now hard at work in California and Colorado. As later crops mature, additional units will go into operation assuring "early season" deliveries on all orders. FINAL DELIVERY ESTIMATES, now being compiled, will shortly be air mailed to our customers; however, here's a general survey as it looks to us, now:

### AS TO AREA:

COLORADO: Extra acreages always allotted by our company to average out HAIL-LOSS, have received no hail. However, this has been "balanced out" by the Sept. 17th heavy frost. Our Colorado grown CUCUMBER and CANTALOUPE should deliver normal.

CALIFORNIA: Drought and unprecedented APHID and RED SPIDER population, have seriously altered previous crop estimates. Especially, CUCUMBER and WATERMELON. Our Production Dep't. has had newest Chemical Insect Controls under actual Field Tests. Results indicate virtual elimination insect danger in years to come.

### AS TO SPECIE:

CANTALOUPE: With exception 2 minor varieties, 100% delivery indicated.

CUCUMBER: 100% delivery exception 2, possibly 3 varieties.

SQUASH: 2 Winter Squash types short; balance indicate 100% delivery.

PUMPKIN: 100% delivery.

WATERMELON: 4 varieties seriously short; 6, possibly 7 slightly short; balance 100%.

DILL: 100%                      CITRON: 100%                      GOURD: 100%

GENERAL SITUATION: Vine Seed Deliveries with us, will be excellent. With over 250 varieties under production, less than 20 will be short, with for the most part, only minor shortages indicated. *This does not mean that sizeable surpluses are developing.* After Contract Orders are filled, we will have a well-rounded Stock for your "spot" requirements (SEE ATTACHED LIST), but quantities will be limited. Should the USA engage in seed buying for overseas distribution, shortages of many items will develop.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS: As above, you will be receiving delivery notifications, shortly. All plants are running at capacity, and shipments on your orders (unless definite shipping dates have been specified) are going forward rapidly.

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P.S. For the protection of YOUR SEED STOCKS, we are installing HARVESTER SANITATION STATIONS throughout our production areas. After thoroughly cleaning each harvester (between crops) with High Volume Water, they will now be subjected to a 15 minute bath of HIGH PRESSURE LIVE STEAM. This ensures that any occasional seeds which may be present in the machine, even after a thorough cleaning, will be COMPLETELY KILLED.

ANOTHER, OF MANY, ROBIN-SEED SAFETY MEASURES

"AMERICA'S *Safest* GROWERS"

