bred grains from him either through purchase or exchange. In this way, the pure bred field crops have been widely disseminated in a short period of time.

Breeding Plots at the Experiment Station

Yield Reports

All members who receive pedigree grains are required to send a report of the yield in comparison with other varieties. Even after the common variety is discarded, this report is sent so that an average yield for all pedigree grains may be found which will be compared with the general average yield of the particular crop throughout the state. The differences in yield are tabulated in the annual report of the secretary.

Annual Grain Show

Every year a grain and field crop exhibition is held in connection with the annual meeting. About $500 are offered in cash premiums in addition to those offered by manufacturing companies. Silver cups are offered for winning exhibits by a number of the grain dealers, newspapers, etc., throughout the state. Several millers in the state offer a special
premium on exhibits winning first place, provided that they were grown in their respective county.

In order that beginners will have a better opportunity to win premiums and to encourage as many farmers as possible, the exhibitors are divided into two classes: Those who won first premium at a former State Grain Show and those who never won first premium. Those who have won first premiums can exhibit in the honorary class only, in order to remove them from competition with new growers. The exhibits consist of displays of 10 ear samples of corn, threshed peck samples of all the cereals, buckwheat, soy beans, canning peas, clovers, grasses, and sheaf samples of all grains and grasses.

Seed Grain Annual

Each year the association publishes an annual giving a brief description of each of the different varieties of Wisconsin standard field crops together with the names of the growers and the amounts each has for sale. This list is sent by the secretary to all members and others who request it. County agricultural agents in Wisconsin and neighboring states use this list to help supply the needs in their respective counties each year. The association does not fix a price on

State Seed Laboratory Where Purity and Germination Tests of Seed Are Made.

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