CLIMATIC ADAPTATIONS OF THE WHITE TEPARY BEAN.¹

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INTRODUCTION.

The singularly perfect adaptation of the Tepary bean to arid climates was first commented upon by the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station in 1912.² Since that time this bean has become an important field crop throughout the arid southwest, and has extended its range well into the interior valleys of California, where no less than 17,000 acres were devoted to its production in 1918.

During five years of field experimentation with this new crop at the several California substations, it has become increasingly evident

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