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BOOK REVIEWS

OATS; THEIR VARIETIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

A Practical Handbook for Farmers, Seedsmen, and Students

This little volume contains much that will interest American agronomists and farm crops students, though most of the varieties described are suitable for culture in the British Isles rather than in the United States. Professor R. H. Biffen of Cambridge University has contributed a brief introductory chapter in which he calls attention to the fact that farmers, seedsmen and students are often in need of information on varieties of oats, which is not generally available in a form of direct use to the practical man.

Chapter headings are as follows: Introduction, The Origin of Cultivated Oats, Botanical Characters of the Oat Plant, Species of Oats, Classification and Description of Varieties of Avena sativa, The Chemical Composition of Oat Grain, Seed Selection, The Production of Pure Seed.