Plans were discussed for final tests of varieties of barley prior to distribution of a superior sort. The results of experiments with Hays Golden corn, which were reviewed, indicated that this variety is about equal to the best white variety and superior to other yellow varieties in central and western Kansas.

Experimental data from five stations showed a high correlation between soil moisture at seeding time and the yield of the following crop of wheat. The results indicated the desirability of knowing the amount of moisture in the soil at seeding time and suggest the possibility of using this information in a practical way to vary the acreage of wheat, depending upon the chances for a profitable crop.

**SUB-COMMITTEE ON SOYBEAN REGISTRATION**

At the annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy held in Washington, D. C., November 1926, the Society approved a general plan for the registration of varieties of merit for other agronomic crops when such registration appeared desirable to the members of the Committee on Varietal Standardization.

Investigators of soybean improvement have asked for the appointment of a committee to register soybean varieties. With the approval of the president of our Society, A. G. McCall, the following subcommittee has been appointed: W. J. Morse, office of Forage Crop Investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, chairman; C. M. Woodworth, Illinois; and J. W. Zahnley, Kansas.

The actual details of registration will be handled by M. A. McCall of the Office of Cereal Crops and Diseases, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who will act as registration officer.

**VARIETAL STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE**

H. K. Hayes, Chairman
L. H. Newman
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J. H. Parker
R. G. Wiggins

**NEWS ITEMS**

D. W. Robertson of the Department of Agronomy of Colorado Agricultural College has been on leave of absence at the University of Minnesota, working toward his doctorate.

C. E. Cormany, for the past eight years Assistant Professor and Research Assistant in farm crops at Michigan State College, has accepted a three-year assignment as Agronomist for the Republic of Colombia, South America. Prof. Cormany left for Bogota about February 1. Prof. H. C. Moore, potato specialist of the Farm Crops Department, will take over the teaching work in potatoes formerly handled by Prof. Cormany.