Turkestan alfalfa was first introduced into the United States through the efforts of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture in 1898. The early importations appeared so promising in the cold, dry regions that a considerable demand was created for seed from that source and at times the importations have amounted to several million pounds annually. Since 1920, however, importations have been rather limited and no Turkestan seed reached the United States through commercial channels during 1930, 1931, and 1932. As was to be ex-

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