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THE VIABILITY OF WEED SEEDS UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS OF TREATMENT, AND A STUDY OF THEIR DORMANT PERIODS.

BY H. S. FAWCETT.

The viability of a seed is its capacity to live after maturity, and its dormant period is the time required for the seed to germinate after being planted.

A great deal of investigation has been carried on for many years past to determine the viability of seeds; more especially of cultivated seeds of the farm and garden, but not so much attention has been given to weed seeds. In 1897 Mr. C. R. Ball of this college published an article on "Seed Testing; Its Importance, History and Some Results, With a Partial Bibliography." This article contains a long and valuable bibliography referring to all the most important literature before 1897.

Some of the recent articles on the subject are: Bull. 38 of the Nevada Station, on "Nevada and Other Weed Seeds," with figures of weed seeds by F. H. Hillman; "The Germination of Weed Seeds," by L. H. Pammel and G. M. Lummis, 1902; Bull. 58 of the Bureau of Plant Industry, on "The Vitality and Germination of Seeds," by J. W. T. Duvel, and "Rules and Apparatus for Seed Testing," in Circular 34 of the Office of Experiment Stations, 1904.

The object of the present investigation was to make a comparative study of the viability of different species of weed seeds, especially those found in cultivated fields and pastures, and to study their dormant periods in order to determine if possible any means of destroying these seeds. A test was also made of the effect of freezing and thawing on the vitality and the length of the dormant period for each species.

Ninety-two samples of weed seeds, representing fifty-two different species, were used. These samples were collected in September, October and November of 1904. Care was taken to collect, whenever possible, thoroughly mature seeds. The seeds were nearly all collected before they dropped to the ground and when dry they were threshed out and placed in paper envelopes.

For the germination tests fifty seeds of each sample were placed in sand, in boxes, under benches in the greenhouse, and kept as near as possible under uniform conditions. These tests were repeated each month from November until May, all the boxes of all previous months being left. All the boxes were kept moist and a daily record was kept of the number of seeds germinating. In addition to these tests seeds from a large number of these samples were placed out of doors in order to expose them to the effects of freezing and thawing. The seeds were placed in sacks inside a thin wooden box and a thin layer of sand placed around them. The box was then sunk into the ground so that the top part was just exposed. These seeds were taken out in April and planted side by side with seeds from the same sample that had been in doors all winter.

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The results of these investigations are shown in the accompanying tables. The general effect of exposing the seeds to thawing and freezing was both to increase the percentage of germination and to shorten the dormant period. This was especially true of seeds with hard seed coats. Where the seed possessed thin and delicate seed coats the effect in a few cases was to lessen or destroy the vitality of the seeds.

Three samples of the common pigweed (Amarantus retroflexus) showed an average dormant period of nine and one-third days for those kept indoors and only six and one-third days for those exposed, an increase of about 50 per cent. For Wild Rye (Elymus canadensis) the dormant period was lessened from nine to five days and the percentage increased from 22 to 48 on account of exposure. In four samples of Foxtail (Setaria glauca) the average dormant period was lessened from eleven and one-quarter to seven days and the percentage of germination increased from 34.5 to 38 per cent because of exposure.

It is to be seen from an examination of the tables of November and December that as a rule the highest dormant periods are found in those seeds that have the hardest and thickest seed coats. For these two months, Rag Weed (Ambrosia trifida) and Barn Yard Grass (Panicum crus-galli) have the longest dormant periods, that for the Rag Weed being one hundred and fifty-two days and that for Barn Yard Grass one hundred and seventy-eight days. It was late in the spring before either would germinate. It is seen also from the tables that for some of the hard seeded species the dormant period decreases in each succeeding month not quite in proportion to the time between the successive plantings. This shows that these species refuse to germinate even under the most favorable conditions until they have had a period of rest. The tables also show a general falling off of the percentage of germination for those seeds planted in January and February, as compared with the two months preceding and the two months following. This indicates that there are two natural periods for the best seed germination, the fall and the spring.

The entire test experiment shows a very low average per cent of germination, although care was taken to collect seeds from healthy, mature plants. This suggests one of two things, either that the average per cent of fertile weed seeds is low or that many seeds quickly lose their vitality if they are not allowed to come in contact with moist soil.

The highest average percentage of germination, as well as the shortest dormant periods, is shown by the common mustard (*Brassica sinapistrum*). The percentage of germination for November and December was 100 per cent and for the six months 90.3 per cent. Both Mustard and Yarrow showed a gradual decrease in vitality from month to month, while the dandelion showed a gradual increase.

The general conclusion to be drawn from these experiments is that most weed seeds with thick seed coats require a more or less extended period of rest after maturity, that the seed of the Mustard and Pepper Grass require little time for rest, that the vitality of nearly all weed seeds is weakened by drying out and that the power of germination is increased by exposure to the natural periods for the best seed germination, the fall and the spring.

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VIABILITY OF WEED SEEDS.

				Kept Indoors During Winter					Exposed to Freezing and Thawing		
APRIL Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of planting	mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination	o. of	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinated	Per cent of germination
Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock	50 50	4-14 4-14	9	On 10th day, 2; 18th, 1	3	6					
Chenopodium album— Pigweed album Pigweed album Pigweed album Pigweed album Pigweed album	50 50	4-14 4-14 1-14 4-14	7	On 11th day, 3.	3 4	6 8	50 50 50 50	9 7 5	On 10th day, 5. On 8th day, 18; 9th, 2; 11th, 1; 20th, 2 On 6th day, 9; 9th, 2.	5 23 11	10 46 22
Amarantus retroflexus— Tumbleweed Tumbleweed Tumbleweed Tumbleweed Tumbleweed Tumbleweed Amarantus blitoides	50 50 50 50	4-14 4-14 4-14 4-14 4-14 1	7 9 5	On 8th day, 4; 14th, 2 On 8th day, 1; 10th, 4; 11th, 2 On 10th day, 1 On 6th day, 4; 9th, 4 On 12th day, 6; 13th, 6; 24th, 1	6 7 1 8 13	12 14 2 16 26	50 50 50 50 50	7 9 5 11	On 6th day, 4; 9th, 9	11 4 13	222 8 26 28
Ambrosia artemisiaefolia— Ragweed Ragweed Setaria glauca—	50	4-14		On 10th day, 4; 11th, 5; 12th, 4;							
Yellow Foxtail			11	18th, 3On 12th day, 2; 13th, 8; 25th, 1	14 11	28 22	50 50	6 9	On 7th day, 5; 9th, 8; 10th, 2; 11th, 1 On 9th day, 13; 12th, 5; 20th, 1	19	32 38
Green Foxtail Green Foxtail	50 50		7 19	On 7th day, 2; 10th, 36; 12th, 2; 25th, 1 On 8th day, 13; 14th, 2; 15th, 1 On 20th day, 1	16 1	82 32 2	50 50 50	7	19th, 1	29	58 24
Green Foxtail	50 50 50		6 13	On 7th day, 8; 10th, 12; 14th, 1; 25th, 1	22 1	44 2	50 50 50	11 33	On 12th day, 1	1	2 2
Panicum crus galli— Barnyard Grass Elymus canadensis— Wild Rye	50		13	On 14th day, 1	1	2	50 50	5	On 6th day, 9; 8th, 2; 10th, 10; 12th, 2:		
Asclepias cornuti— Milkweed					_		1	-	15th, 1	24	48 8

	VIABILITY OF WEED SEEDS—Continued.
	. Kept Indoors During Winter Exposed to Freezing and Thawing
APRIL—Cont'd Name of Plant	No. of Seeds No. of Date of Inatifing Baylanting Bermination No. of Baylanting Bermination No. of Bermination No. of Seeds No. of Seeds
olygonum pennsylvant- um— Smartweed Smartweed Spidium apetalum—	50 50 50 50 50 50 50 7 On 8th day, 25; 11th, 3; 12th, 5; 15th, 3 38 2
Pepper-grass Pepper-grass Pepidium virginicum— pidium virginicum— psella bursa-pastoris— Shepherd's Purse	50 4-14 7 0n 8th day, 20; 12th, 8; 14th, 1 29 54 50 50 17 On 18th day, 1 1 2 50 11 On 12th day, 1 1 2 50
Shepherd's Purse- symbrium officinale— Hedge Mustard assica sinapistrum— Mustard	50 7 On 8th day, 7; 12th, 5; 25th, 1- 13 26 3 On 4th day, 32; 8th, 6; 12th, 4;
assica nigra— Mustard Mustard	34th, 1
chillea millefolium— Yarrow waxacum officinale— Dandelion	50 7 On 8th day, 5; 10th, 16; 12th, 2;
nchus oleraceus ctuca ludoviciana— Wild Lettuce	50 7 On 8th day, 13; 10th, 2; 12th, 2 17 3t 9 On 10th day, 1; 12th, 1; 20th, 1;
patorium purpureum— loe Pye Weedlens frondosa— Stick-tight	22nd, 1
Stick-tightrbascum thopsus—	50 50 6 On 7th day, 1
Mulleinassia chamaecrista	50 4-18 50 7 On 8th day, 1; 10th, 1; 12th, 1 8 8

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Portulaca oleracea— Purslane	50		6	On 7th	day,	3		3	6			
Purslane	50											
Purslane	50		13	On 14th	day	, 14		14	28	50	13	On 14th day, 6 6 12
Oenothera biennis—		1					ł					1.0
Evening Primrose	50			On 14th	day	, 2; 16th, 1		3	6	50		On 14th day, 2 2 4
Evening Primrose	50		7	On 8th	day,	1		1	2	50	11	On 12th day, 1 1 2
Verbena_urticifolia—			1				l.					
_ Wild Verbena	50		13	On 14th	day	, 1; 16th, 1	_4 [2	4	50	6	On 7th day, 6; 10th, 5; 12th, 4; 18th, 1. 16 32
Verbena stricta—							1					
Blue Vervain	50		- ===									
Teucrium canadense	50		19	On 20th	day	, 1; 23rd, 2		3	6	50	19	On 20th day, 4; 22nd, 26 12
Nepeta glechoma—							i					., , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Ground Ivy	50											
Plantago major—	50		17	On 18th	day	, 2		2	4	50	5	On 6th day, 30; 8th, 6; 13th, 2 38 76
Plantain	•		ا ہا									
Datama atmamaniam	50		9	On 10th	day,	, 2; 22nd, 1; 25tl	n, 1	4	8	50	9	On 10th day, 2 2 4
Datura stramonium— Jimson Weed	50											
Polanisia trachysperma—	90									50		
Polanisia	50		111	On 10th	40.	0. 10th 1	i	_	_			
rotatiista	90		11	On 12th	uay	, 2; 13th, 1		3	6	50		

			VIA	BILIT	Y OI	WEED SEEDS—CONTINUED.			õ
Sample No.	NOVEMBER Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. seeds germinating	Per cent of germination	
1 18	Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock Chenopodium album—	50 50	10-7 9-7	10-14 9-24	128	None germinated On 129th day, 1; 140th, 1			п
2 20 32 43 73	Pigweed Pigweed Pigweed Pigweed Pigweed Pigweed	50 50 50 50 50 50	10-7 9-7 10-7 10-7 11-7	10-14 9-24 10-22 10-28 11-14	29 130 	None germinated On 30th day, 1. On 131st day, 1. None germinated On 63th day, 5; 71st, 1; 75th, 1; 121st, 1	- 1 - 1	2 2	OWA A
35 3 42 53 69 80	Amarantus retroflexus— Green Pigweed Green Pigweed Green Pigweed Green Pigweed Green Pigweed Green Pigweed	50 50 50 50 50 50	10-7 10-7 10-22 10-24 10-24 10-22	10-22 10-14 10-28 10-28 11-4 11-4	69 29 63 74 45 72	On 70th day, 4. On 20th day, 8; 45th, 7; 65th, 1. On 64th day, 1; 70th, 5. On 75th day, 1. On 46th day, 2. On 73rd day, 1	16 6 1	8 32 12 2 4 2	CADEMY
6 9 34	Amerantus blitoides— Amaranth Ambrosia artemisiaefolia— Ragweed Ragweed	50 50 50	10-7 10-7 10-7	10-14 10-14 10-22	83 147 102	On 8ith day, 2 On 148th day, 1; 150th, 1 On 103rd day, 1; 130th, 2; 140th, 4; 150th, 1; 160th, 1.	2 9	4 18 6	OF SC
71 11 46 87	Ragweed Ambrosia trifida— Great Ragweed Great Ragweed Great Ragweed Setaria glauca—	50 50 25 50	10-22 10-7 10-17 11-5	11-4 10-14 10-28 11-11	124 144 129	On 125th day, 3	3 4	6	CIENCE
4 25 56	Foxtail, Pigeon grass Foxtail, Pigeon grass Foxtail. Pigeon grass Setaria viridis—		10-7 9-9 10-17	10-14 9-24 10-28	18 9 28	On 19th day, 1; 150th, 7; 160th, 2. On 10th day, 1; 95th, 1. On 29th day, 1; 150th, 1.	2 2	4 4	
5 33 55	Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Panicum capillare—		10-17	10-24 10-22 10-28	8 12 63	On 9th day, 20; 130th, 1	28	42 56 10	
48 7 57 76	Old Witch-grass Old Witch-grass Old Witch-grass Old Witch-grass	50 50	10-17 10-7 10-22 10-22	10-28 10-14 11-4 11-4	35	None germinated None germinated On 38th day, 1; 51st, 2	3	6	
10	Panicum crus galli— Barnyard Grass	50	10-7	10-14	176	On 177th day, 1	. 1	2	

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	Hordeum jubatum-	ſ						
26	Squirrel-tail Grass	50	9-7	9-24	13	On 14th day, 12; 21st, 10; 41st, 1	23	46
	Agropyrum tenerum—							
78	Couch-grass	50	10-22	11-4	11	On 12th day, 3; 29th, 1; 140th, 5; 160th, 2	11	22
	Elymus canadensis—-							
81	Wild Rye	50	11-5	11-11		No seeds germinated		
	Asclepias Cornuti—							
12	Milkweed	50	10-7	10-14		No seeds germinated		
49	Milkweed		10-22	10-28	137	On 138th day, 2; 150th, 1	3	6
1	Polygonum pennsylvanicum	1						~
22	Smartweed	50	10-7	10-24		No seeds germinated		
15	Smartweed	50	10-7	10-21		No seeds germinated		
36	Smartweed		10-7	10-22	- -	No seeds germinated		
79	Smartweed	50	10-7	11-11		No seeds germinated		
- 1	Lepidium apetalum—					-		
16	Peppergrass		9-7	9-24	19	On 20th day, 1	1	2
5.75	Peppergrass	50	10-22	11-4	13	On 14th day, 4; 17th, 3; 19th, 2; 21st, 4; 28th, 2; 34th, 1	16	32
84	Lepidium virginicum—							
[Peppergrass	50	11-5	11-11	14	On 15th day, 1; 23rd, 7; 24th, 2; 46th, 5; 70th, 1	16	32
19	Capsella bursa-pastoris—							
	Shepherd's Purse	50	9-7	10-24	5	On 6th day, 3; 11th, 1; 19th, 2; 36th, 3	9	18
	Brassica sinapistrum—				l i			1
17	Mustard Charlock	50	9-7	9-25	5	On 6th day, 50	50	100
l	Brassica nigra—							
54	Black Mustard	50	10-28	10-28	19	On 20th day, 1; 40th, 1	2	4
86	Black Mustard	50	11-5	11-11		No seeds germinated		
	Bidens_frondasa—						. ¦	
8	Bur-Marigold		10-7	10-14		No seeds germinated		
37	Bur-Marigold		10-22	10-22		No seeds germinated		
31	Bur-Marigold	50	10-22	10-22	139	On 140th day, 2; 150th, 2	4	8
	Erigeron canadensis—			-0	ا م ا	0 01 1 00 00 1		
13	Horse-weed		10-7	10-14	8	On 9th day, 27; 28th, 1		56
66	Horse-weed		10-22	11-4	9	No seeds germinated		
70	Horse-weed	50	10-22	11-4	9	On 10th day, 1	1	2
52	Solidago rigida—	50	1010	10.00		No. 100 April 10	1	
32	Rigid Goldenrod	50	10-17	10-28		No seeds germinated		
58	Achillea millefolium—			11.4	_	On 1041, Jan. 4, 1141, 0, 0411, 7, 0911, 8, 9911, 4]	
96	Yarrow Arctium lappa—	50	10-24	11-4	9	On 10th day, 4; 11th, 3; 34th, 7; 36th, 5; 66th, 4	23	46
50	Burdock	50	10-24	10-28	9	On 10th day or 10th 1	!	•
30	Sonehus oleraceus—	50	10-21	10-28	9	On 10th day, 2; 42nd, 1; 80th, 1	4	8
23	Sow Thistle	50	10-22	10-24	5	On 6th day 6, 0th 6, 40th 0, 75th 0, 70th 1, 100th 1		F0
23	Lactuca ludoviciana—	90	10-22	10-24	3	On 6th day, 6; 9th, 6; 40th, 9; 75th, 3; 78th, 1; 160th, 1	26	52
04		50	10-22	10-24	5	On oth day 1, 9th 9, 90th 1, 94th 1	.	10
24	Wild Lettuce Taraxacum officinale—	30	10-22	10-24	5	On 6th day, 1; 8th, 2; 20th, 1; 24th, 1	5	10
	Dandelion	50	11.5	11 11	~	On 90th day 9, Mat 1, 20nd 1, 22nd 1, 46th 1, 96th 1	7	14
89	Eupatorium purpureum—	90	11-5	11-11	27	On 28th day, 2; 31st, 1; 32nd, 1; 33rd, 1; 46th, 1; 86th, 1	1	14
0-	Joe Pye Weed	50	10-22	11-11	40	On 50th day 1		
92	Lophanthus scrophulariae-	50	10-22	11-11	49	On 50th day, 1	1	2
f								
92	folius—	50	10.99	11 11		None germinated	i	
93	Giant Hyssop		10-20	11-11		TIONG SCHMINGECU	!	

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Sample No.	NOVEMBER—Continued Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
14 41	Convolvulus sepium— Bindweed Bindweed	50 25	10-7 10-17	10-14 10-22	8 72	On 9th day, 1; 121st, 1	2 1	4 4
30 67	Mullein Mullein Melilotus alba—	50 50	10-7 10-24	10-22 11-4	26 	On 27th day, 2	2	4
49	Sweet Clover	50	10-17	10-22	- 	No seeds germinated		
44	Partridge Pea	50	10-22	10-28	46	On 47th day, 1; 64th, 1; 67th, 1; 82nd, 1; 84th, 1; 95th, 1; 100th, 1	7	14
39	Acalypha virginica— 3-seeded Mercury 3-seeded Mercury	50 50	10-17 10-24	10-22 11-4	1,39 130	On 140th day, 4On 131st day, 2	4 2	8
40 77	Portulaca oleracea— Purslane Purslane	50 50	10-17 10-24	10-22 11-4	-	No seeds germinatedNo seeds germinated		
51 62	Mimulus ringens— Mimulus ringens— Mimulus ringens—	50 50	10-17 10-15	10-28 11-4		No seeds germinatedNo seeds germinated		
68	Oenothera biennis— Primrose Primrose	50 50	10-17 11-17	10-28 11-26		No seeds germinated No seeds germinated		
59	Verbena urticifolia— Wild Verbena	50	10-15	11-26		No seeds germinated		
63 72	Verbena stricta— Blue Vervain Blue Vervain	50 50	10-15 10-15	11-4 11-4		No seeds germinated		
63	Cynoglossum virginicum— Hound's Tongue	50	10-15	11-6		No seeds germinated		
61 68	Scrophularia nodosa— Simpson Honey Plant Simpson Honey Plant	50 50	10-15 10-24	11-4 11-4		No seeds germinated		
64 90	Lobelia syphilitica— Great Blue Lobelia Great Blue Lobelia	50 50	10-15 11-5	11-4 11-11	9-	No seeds germinated On 10th day, 1; 79th, 1	1	1
65	Germander	50	10-24	11-4	9	On 10th day, 1	. 1	2
74	Abutilon avicennae— Velvet Leaf	50	10-22	11-4		No seeds germinated		

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83	Nepeta glechoma—		1	1	. 1		1	
00	Ground Ivy	50	10-22	11-4	9	On 10th day, 1; 45th, 1; 49th, 5; 50th, 1; 51st, 2; 79th, 1	11	22
82	Monarda fistulosa—						- 1	
	Horse-mint	50	10-22	11-11		No seeds germinated		
85	Plantago major— Plantain	50	10.99	11-11		No seeds germinated	- 1	
88	Datura stramonium—	50	10-22	11-11		No seeds germinated		
00	Jamestown (Jimson) Weed	50	11-5	11-11		No seeds germinated		
						No monda monuminosto d	[
91	Polanisia trachysperma	50	10-22	11-11		No seeds germinated	}	
94	Veronica virginica—		İ				- }	
01	Culver's Root	50	9-14	11-11	- -	No seeds germinated		

Sample No.	DECEMBER Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
1 18	Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock Chenopodium album—	50 50		11-11 10-9	157	On 158th day, 5	5	10
20 32 43	Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter	50 50 50 50		11-11 12-2 11-18 11-26	7	On 8th day, 1; 9th, 1; 11th, 3; 12th, 2; 25th, 6; 29th, 2; 30th, 1	16	32
73 35	Lamb's Quarter Amarantus retroflexus— Green Pigweed	50 50		12-2 11-18	44	On 45th day, 1: 47th, 3	4	8
21 42 53 69 80	Green Pigweed			12-2 11-26 11-26 12-5 12-2	7 12 30 15 24	On 8th day, \$; 10th, \$; 11th, 3; 13th, 1; 16th, 2; 30th, 6; 32nd, 1	24 12 6	38 48 24 12 18
6	Amarantus blitoides— Amaranth ————————————————————————————————————	50		11-11	26	On 27th day, 5; 28th, 6; 29th, 1; 37th, 1	13	26
9	Ragweed	25 50		11-11 11-11	157 102	On 158th day, 1		4 2
	Great Ragweed Setaria glauca (Foxtail) Setaria glauca (Foxtail)	50 50 50		11-11 11-11 12-2	140 45 12	On 141st day, 1 On 46th day, 1; 145th, 1; 174th, 2 On 13th day, 2; 14th, 2; 16th, 2; 35th, 2	. 4	2 8 16
[Setaria glauca (Foxtail) Setaria viridis (Foxtail) Setaria viridis (Foxtail)	50 50		11-26 11-11 11-26 11-18	12 7	On 13th day, 23; 16th, 5; 30th, 2; 41st, 1; 61st, 2 On 8th day, 25; 10th, 6; 13th, 3; 17th, 1; 48th, 1	33 36	66 72
	Panicum capillare— Old Witch GrassOld Witch GrassOld Witch Grass	50 50		11-26 11-11 12-2	26 30	On 27th day, 6; 28th, 3; 37th, 4	13	26 6
	Panicum crus-galli— Barnyard Grass	50		11-11	27	On 28th day, 1	1	2
	Agropyrum tenerum			12-2	9	On 10th day, 7; 11th, 5; 14th, 2; 16th, 8.	. 17	34
Į	Wild Rye			12-2	13			6

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	Asclepias cornuti—				ı			
12 49	Milkweed	25		11-11 11-26	16	No seeds germinated On 17th day, 1; 35th, 1; 37th, 1; 38th, 2; 40th, 1; 62nd, 2	<u>-</u> -	16
49	Polygonum pennsylvanicum—	۷)		11-20	10	On 17th (day, 1; 55th, 1, 57th, 1, 55th, 2, 40th, 1, 68th, 2, 40th, 2, 40th		10
22	Smartweed	50		12-2		No seeds germinated		
15	Smartweed	50		12-2		No seeds germinated	اــــا	
36	Smartweed	50		12-2		No seeds germinated		
79	Smartweed	50		12-2		No seeds germinated	- -	
16	Lepidium apetalum—				_			
-~ -	Pepper-grass	50		12-2	5	On 6th day, 15; 7th, 7; 10th, 1; 25th, 1; 67th, 1		50
57.5 84	Pepper-grass	50		12-2	6	On 7th day, 3; 10th, 2; 11th, 2; 13th, 7; 14th, 2	16	32
04	Lepidium virginicum— Pepper-grass	50		12-2	9	On 10th day, 2: 11th, 3; 13th, 2; 16th, 2; 25th, 8; 31st, 2; 35th, 2; 45th, 1;		
	repper-grass	90		1~ ~	"	56th, 1; 82nd, 1	26	52
19	Capsella bursa-pastoris	50				50th, 1, 6chd, 1		
	Shepherd's Purse			12-2	6	On 7th day, 2; 10th, 1	3	6
	Sisymbrium officinale—					** *		
27	Hedge Mustard	50		12-2	4	On 5th day, 16; 6th, 15; 7th, 4; 8th, 15; 10th, 1; 11th, 2; 12th, 1	50	100
17	Brassica sinapistrum— Mustard'	50		12-2	3	O 41 1 00 FAb 200 Ath 0 401 1 441 0		
54	Brassica nigra—			12-2		On 4th day, 22; 5th, 22; 6th, 3; 13th, 1; 14th, 2	50	1 0 0
86	Black Mustard	50		11-26	5	On 6th day, 3; 9th, 7; 11th, 2	19	21
81	Black Mustard			11-26		No seeds germinated	1.0	21
	Achillea millefolium— Yarow					•	1)	
58	Yarow	50		12-9	6	On 7th day, 14; 11th, 7; 13th, 2; 14th, 1; 3th, 2; 43rd, 1	27	54
50	Arctium lappa—	EO		11.00	12		/	<u>.</u> .
30	Burdock	90		11-23	12	On 13th day, 1; 17th, 2; 18th, 6; 19th, 1; 31st, 1; 35th, 1	12	24
89	Dandelion	50		11-11	5 [On 6th day, 2; 7th, 5; 10th, 1; 15th, 2	1,0	20
29.5	Dandelion			11-11	6	On 7th day, 4; 8th, 1; 10th, 3; 11th, 8; 13th, 3; 14th, 1; 25th, 1	21	20 42
	Sonchus oleracea—					On 7th day, 4, 5th, 1, 10th, 6, 11th, 6, 10th, 6, 11th, 1, 20th, 1	~1	10
23	Sow-Thistle	50		10-24	5	On 6th day, 1; 7th, 1; 8th, 7; 11th, 2; 12th, 1	12	24
0.4	Lactuca ludoviciana—		í				1	
24	Lettuce	50		9-21		No seeds germinated		
92	Eupatorium purpureum— Joe Pve Weed	50		11.11	15	On 16th day, 3		в
0.0	Lophanthes scrophulariaefo-	30		11-11	1.0	On little day, s	0	0
93	lius—Hyssop	50		11-11		No seeds germinated		
	Bidens frondosa—				!	in peeds germanical		
8	Stick-tight			11-18		No seeds germinated		
	Stick-tight	50		11-18	180	On 181st day, 1	1	2
	Verbascum thapsus—	F0	-	100				
30	Mullein			12-2 12-2		No seeds germinated		
67	Mullein Melilotus alba—	50		12-2		No seeds germinated		
45	Sweet clover	50		12-2	5	On 6th day, 1; 116th, 1	2	4
4.)	Cassia chamaecrista—	.50		1~ ~				*
44	Partridge Pea	50		11-26	30	On 31st day, 1; 42nd, 1; 53rd, 1; 116th, 1	4	8
	Acalypha virginica— .			ł			l i	
75	3-seeded Mercury	50		12-12		No seeds germinated		

Sample No.	DECEMBER—Continued Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of col- lection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
40 29 77	Portulaca oleracea— Purslane Purslane Purslane Oenothera biennis—	50 50 50		11-18 12-12 12-12		No seeds germinated		
38 47 59	Evening Primrose Evening Primrose Verbena urticifolia—	50		11-26		No seeds germinated		
63 72	Vervain Verbena stricta— Blue vervain Blue vervain					No seeds germinated No seeds germinated No seeds germinated		ĺ
65 82	Teucrium canadense— Germander Monarda fistulosa— Horsemint			12-2 12-2	9	No seeds germinated		
83	Nepeta glechoma— Ground Ivy Plantago major—			12-2	24	On 25th, 1; 31st, 1; 45th, 2	21	42 8
85 28 88	Plantain Plantain Datura stramonium	50		12-9		No seeds germinated		
91	Jimson Weed Polanisia trachysperma— Polanisia			12 -9	8	On 9th day, 1	1	2

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Sample No.	JANUARY Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
1 18	Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock Chenopodium album—	50 50		1-5 1-6		No seeds germinated		
20 32 43	Pigweed	50 50 50 50		1-5 1-6 1-5 1-5	9 8	No seeds germinated On 10th day, 1; 13th, 2. On 8th day, 1. No seeds germinated	3	6 2
35 21 42 53 69 80	Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed Green Pigweed, Tumbleweed	50 50 50 50 50 50 50		1-5 1-6 1-5 1-5 1-6 1-6	12 85 7 6 8	No seeds germinated On 13th day, 1; 14th, 1	2 1 1	2 2 2 2 2 12
8 9	Amarantus blitoides— Amaranth Ambrosia artemisiaefolia— Hog-weed	50 50		1-5 1-5	42	No seeds germinated On 43rd day, 1; 104th, 1	2	4
34 11 46	Hog-weed	50 50 25		1-6 1-5 1-5	15	No seeds germinated		
4 25 56	Setaria glauca— Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Setaria viridis—	50 50 50		1-6 1-5 1-5	84 11 9	On 85th day, 1	4	2 8 6
5 33 55	Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Panicum cantilare—	50 50 50		1-5 1-5 1-5	7 5 13	On 8th day, 6; 14th, 2; 24th, 1	30 1	18 60 2
48 7 57	Old Witch-Grass Old Witch-Grass Old Witch-Grass Panicum crus-galli—	50 50 50		1-5 1-5 1-5	13	No seeds germinated No seeds germinated On 14th day, 2; 23rd, 3; 24th, 1; 31st, 1; 34th, 2; 41st, 1	1	i
10 81	Barnyard Grass Elymus canadensis—	ł		1-5 1-6	13	No seeds germinated		18

Sample No.	JANUARY—Continued Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days do r- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
78	Agropyrum tenerum— Couch-grass	25	-	1-6	5	On 6th day, 1; 7th, 8; 8th, 3; 12th, 6; 16th, 5; 46th, 1	24	96
12 49	Asclepias cornuti— Milkweed Milkweed	50 50		1-5 1-5	11	On 12th day, 1.	1	2
22 15	Polygonum pennsylvanicum— Smartweed Smartweed	50 50	 		15	On 16th day, 1	1	2
36 79	SmartweedSmartweed	50						
16 57.5	Lepidium apetalum— Peppergrass Peppergrass Lepidium virginicum—	50 50		1-6 1-6	5 5	On 6th day, 9; 7th, 7; 8th, 1; 9th, 1; 91st, 2 On 6th day, 1; 7th, 3; 8th, 1; 10th, 3; 15th, 8	20 16	40 32
84	Peppergrass	50		1-6				
19	Shepherd's Purse	50		1-5	4	On 5th day, 1; 118th, 1; 128th, 1	. 3	6
27	Hedge Mustard Brassica sinapistrum—	50		1-5	4	On 5th day, 5; 6th, 2; 7th, 3; 10th, 2	. 12	24
17	Mustard	50		1-5	3	On 4th day, 41; 5th, 3; 6th, 2	46	92
54 86	Brassica nigra— Mustard Mustard	50 50		1-5 1-6	8	On 4th day, 2; 6th, 2	4	8
58. 5	Achillea millefolium— Yarrow	50		1-5	5	On 6th day, 12; 7th, 2; 10th, 2; 54th, 1	17	34
50	Arctium lappa— Burdock	25		1-5				
2 9.5	Taraxacum officinale— Dandelion	50		1-5	5	On 6th day, 2; 7th, 4; 8th, 9; 9th, 7; 10th, 5; 13th, 6	33	66
92	Eupatorium purpureum— Joe Pye Weed	50		1-6	9	On 10th day, 2	2	4
93	Lophanthus scrophulariaefo- lius—Giant Hyssop	50		1-6		p		
8 31	Bidens frondosa— Stick-tight Stick-tight Verbascum thapsus—	50 50		1-5 1-5				
30 67	Mullein	50 50		1-5 1-5				

	Cassia chamaecrista—		1		(1		ſ	1
44	Partridge Pea	25		1-5	54	On 55th day, 1; 56th, 1; 57th, 1	3	12
	Acalypha virginica—		1		1			
75	3-seeded Mercury	50		1-6				
40	Portulaca oleracea—	50		1-5				
40 29	Purslane	50		1-5				
77	Purslane			1.5	12	On 13th day, 3	3	
••	Oenothera biennis—	00		- 0		on loca day, o	•	
38	Evening Primrose	50		1-6				
47	Evening Primrose	50		1-5		And the second s		
	Verbena urticifolia—				1			
59	Wild Verbena	50		1-5				
	Verbena stricta—							
63	Blue Vervain	50						
72		50		1-6				
	Teucrium canadense—			1-5	1 1			1
65	Germander	อบ		1-9				
82	Monarda fistulosa—	50		1-6	6	0 201 3 4 01 0 01 0 101 0		
02	Horse-mint	30		1-0	"	On 7th day, 1; 8th, 3; 9th, 2; 10th, 3	9	12
83	Nepeta glechoma— Ground Ivy	50		1-6				
-	Plantago major—	-						
85	Plantain	50		1-6			1	1
28	Plantain	50		1-5				
	Datura stramonium—					, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 		
83	Jimson-weed	50		1-6				
	Polanisia trachysperma—						ĺ	
91	Polanisia	50		1-6				
_	Chenopodium album-				1			
2	Lamb's Quarter	50		1-5				
20	Lamb's Quarter	50 50		1-6 1-6				
32	Lamb's Quarter	50		1-6				
43	Lamb's Quarter	- 90		1-9	;l		<u></u>	

			VIA	BILI	ry o	F WEED SEEDS—Continued.		
Sample No.	FEBRUARY Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
1 18	Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock Chenopodium album—	50 50		2-9 2-10	76 31	On 77th day, 1		
2 20 32 43	Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter Lamb's Quarter	50 50 50		2-9 2-10 2-9 2-9	12	On 13th day, 1; 25th, 1; 62nd, 1		
73 35 21	Lamb's Quarter Amarantus retroflexus— Pigweed Pigweed	50 50		2-10 2-9 2-10		On 39th day 2 41st, 1	_!	
53 89 80	Pigweed Pigweed Pigweed Amarantus blitoides—	50 50		2-9 2-10 2-10	25	On 98th day, 2	2	4
6 9	Pigweed Ambrosia artemisiaefolia— Hogweed Hogweed	50		2-9 2-9 2-9	58 25	On 59th day, 1. On 26th day, 1; 41st, 1; 47th, 1; 48th, 1; 49th, 2; 59th, 1; 78th, 1		
1 6	Ambrosia trifida— Ragweed Ragweed Setaria glauca—	50		2-9 2-9				
4 5	Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Setaria viridis—	50		2-10	75 24 20	On 76th day, 3; 82nd, 1; 29th, 5; 39th, 1		
5	Green Foxtail Green Foxtail Green Foxtail	50		2-9	11 11 81	On 12th day, On 12th day, 12; 13th, 9; 16th, 2		
3	Panicum capillare— Old Witch Grass Old Witch Grass Old Witch Grass	50		2-9	73	On 74th day, 1; 76th, 3	4	8
)	Panicum crus-galli— Barnyard Grass Elymus robustus— Wild Rye		1		97	On 9th day, 2	.	4

	Agropyrum tenerum—		i '	l	[1	1
78	Quack Grass	50		2-10	18	On 19th day, 1; 21st, 4; 28th, 1; 78th, 1	7	14
	Asclepias cornuti—						1 _	
72	Milkweed	50		2-9	25	On 26th day, 1; 27th, 1; 29th, 1; 31st, 2	5	10
49	Milkweed			}			Ì	1
•	Veronica virginica—		İ				1	ļ
94	Culver's Root	50		2-9	25	On 26th day, 1; 40th, 1; 82nd, 1	3	6
74	Abutilon avicennae—		1	0.10			1	
74	Velvet Leaf	50		2-10				
-	Polygonum pennsylvanicum—			0.10			Ì	i
22	Smartweed	50		2-10	-			
15	Smartweed	50		2-10		***************************************	ļ	
36	Smartweed	50 50		2-9 2-9				
79	Smartweed	50		2-9				
	Lepidium apetalum—			0.10			1	1
16	Peppergrass				12	On 13th day, 16; 19th, 1; 42nd, 2; 44th, 4	23	46
57.5	Peppergrass	50		2-9				
10	Capsella bursa-pastoris—		1	- 10		0		İ .
19	Shepherd's Purse	50		2-10	31	On 31st day, 1	1	2
27	Sisymbrium officinale—	50	1	0.10	_	0, 01, 1, 1, 1, 10,	İ.	
21	Hedge Mustard	50		2-10	7	On 8th day, 1 13th, 3	4	8
17	Brassica sinapistrum—	F0.		2-10	7	0 041. 1 02		
17	Mustard	50		Z-10	7	On 8th day, 36	36	72
54	Brassica nigra—	50		2-10			1	
94	Mustard Mustard			2-10 2-10			- -	
	Achillea millefolium—	30		2-10			<u> </u>	
58	Yarrow	50		2-9	20	On 21st day, 1; 82nd, 3		
90	Arctium lappa—	50		2-9	20	On alst day, 1, cand, 5	4	8
50	Burdock	50		2-9	28	On 29th day, 1	1	2
00	Taraxacum officinale—	50		2-3	40	On will day, 1	1	Z
29.5	Dandelion	50		2-10	24	On 25th day, 1; 30th, 1; 32nd, 1; 39th, 2	5	10
	Eupatorium purpureum—	00		~ 10	~1	On with day, 1, both, 1, both, 1, both, 2	,	10
92	Joe-Pye Weed	50		2-10				
•••	Lopanthus scrophulariaefolia	-		~ 10				
	Giant Hyssop	50		2-10				
8	Bidens frondosa—		-					
•	Stick-tight	50		2-9	97	On 98th day, 4	4	8
31	Stick-tight	50		2-9			-	
	Verbascum thansus—			•				
30	Mullein	50		2-9				
	Melilotus alba—							
45	Sweet Clover	50		2-9				
	Cassia chamaecrista—							
44	Partridge Pea	50		2-9				
	Acalypha virginica—							
75	3-seeded Mercury	50		2-9				
	Portulaca oleracea—							
40	Purslane	50		2-9				
29	Purslane	50		2-9				
77	Purslane	50		2-9				
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Sample No.	FEBRUARY—Continued Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of collection	Date of planting	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
	Oenothera biennis-	- 50				•		
88 47	Evening Primrose	50 50		2-9 2-9				
41	Evening Primrose Evening Primrose Verbena urticifolia	90		z-9	~~			
59	Wild Verbena	50		2-9				1
00	Verbena stricta—	00		~-3				
63	Vervain	50		2-10				
72	Vervain	50		2-10				
	Teucrium canadense—							
65	Germander	50		2-9				
	Monarda fistulosa—							
82	Horse-mint	50		2-10				
-00	Plantago major—					0 - 2011 1 1		١ .
28 88	Plantain Datura stramonium	50 50		2-10	28	On 29th day, 1	1	2
65 01	Polanisia trachysperma—	50		2-10 2-10				
91	Potanisia tracnysperma-	90		2-10	' -			

No	MARCH Name of Plant	No. of seeds	Date of col- lection	Date of planting)	Days dor- mant	No. of Days Required for Germination	No. of seeds germinating	Per cent of germination
1	Rumex crispus— Curled Dock Curled Dock	50 50		3-10 3-11	14	On 15th day, 2	. 2	4
	Chenopodium album— Pigweed or Lamb's Quarter Pigweed or Lamb's Quarter Pigweed or Lamb's Quarter Pigweed or Lamb's Quarter Pigweed or Lamb's Quarter	50		3-10 3-11 3-10 3-10 3-11	10 9 9 4	On 11th day, 1	. 7	2 14 2 8
85	Amarantus retroflexus— Green Pigweed	50 50 50 50 50 50		3-10 3-11 3-10 3-10 3-10 3-10	11 9 11 16 16 8	On 12th day, 1; 18th, 2 On 10th day, 6; 17th, 5; 21st, 1 On 12th day, 6; 21st, 3. On 17th day, 2 On 17th day, 1 On 9th day, 1; 10th, 2; 17th, 1	9 2 1	6 24 18 4 2 8
	Pigweed Ambrosia artemisiaefolia—	50		3-10	37	On 38th day, 1	. 1	2
	Ragweed	50 50		3-10 3-10	23 19	On 24th day, 1		2 2
	Setaria glauca— Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail Yellow Foxtail	50 50 50		3-10 3-10 3-10	12 10 13	On 13th day, 1; 15th, 4; 17th, 12; 23rd, 2; 25th, 1	20	40 26 90
	Setaria viridis— Green FoxtailGreen Foxtail	50 50		3-10 3-10	9 10	On 10th day, 26 12th, 6 On 11th day, 1; 19th, 1; 23rd, 1		64 6
	Panicum capillare— Old Witch Grass Old Witch Grass Old Witch Grass	50 50 50		3-10 3-10 3-10				
	Panicum crus-galli— Barnyard Grass	50		3-10				
	Elymus canadensis— Wild Rye	50		3-11	9	On 10th day, 1; 28th, 1	2	4
	Asclepias cornuti— Milkweed Milkweed	50 50		3-10 3-10				

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71 46	Ambrosia trifida— Hogweed Hogweed	20 25		3-10 3-10	51 10	On 52nd day, 1	1 13	2 26
94	Veronica virginica— Culver's Root	50		3-11	56	On 57th day, 1	1	2
	Abutilon avicennae—				1	O- 041 1- 1- 1041 1- 2041 1		6
74	Velvet Leaf	50		3-10	8	On 9th day, 1; 10th, 1; 28th, 1	3	
22	Smartweed	50		3-10				
15	Smartweed	50		3-9			- -	
36	Smartweed	50		3-10				
79	Smartweed	50		3-11				
	Agropyrum tenerum—							
78	Quack-grass	50		3-11	16	On 17th day, 10; 20th, 5; 22nd, 2; 45th, 1	18	36
	Lenidium virginicum—	00			1 -			
84	Pepper-grass	50		3-11	9	On 10th day, 11; 28th, 1; 38th, 1; 48th, 1	14	28
	Lepidium apetalum-	50		0-11		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	
16	Pepper-grass	50		3-10	9	On 10th day, 33	33	66
57.5	Pepper-grass	50		3-10	1.	On 12th day, 5; 17th, 1; 22nd, 2; 27th, 3; 29th, 1; 67th, 1	13	26
0	Cansella bursa-pastoris—	90		9-10	1 1.	on 12th day, 6, 11th, 1, 22-2, 2, 21th, 6, 20th, 1, 51th, 1	1 -0	
19	Shepherd's Purse	5 0	!	3-10	9	On 10th day, 1; 21st, 1	, 9	4
10	Sisumbrium officinale—	50		3-10	9	On Refi day, 1, Sist, 1	~	*
27					١.,	On 5th day, 1; 10th, 10	1	22
27	Hedge Mustard	50		3-10	4	On still day, 1; 10th, 10	. 11	220
	Brassica sinapistrum—					On 4th day, 41; 7th, 6	1	٠,
17	Mustard	50		3-10	3	On 4th day, 41; 7th, 6	. 47	91
	Brassica nigra—		!			0	1 .	l _
54	Mustard	50		3-10	10	On 11th day, 4		8
86	Mustard	50		3-11	8	On 9th day, 1	. 1	2
	Achillea millefolium—		1	ļ	1			
58	Yarrow	50		3-11	13	On 14th day, 1; 67th, 3	4	8
	Arctium langa—			ĺ	1		1	-
50	Burdock	50		3-10	21	On 22nd day, 1; 24th, 1	. 2	4
-	Taraxacum officinale—	- 50		0.0				
89	Dandelion	50		3-11	9	On 10th day, 8; 11th, 3	111	22
00	Eupatorium purpureum—	:50		9-11	9		1	_~~
92	Joe Pye Weed		1	0.11			1	
92	Lophantus schophularia folius	50		3-11			1	
OP	Ciant Hyggon			0				
93	Giant Hyssop	50		3-11				
	Bidens frondosa—		[:				1	
8	Stick-tight	50		3-11			1	
31	Stick-tight		•		, ,			,

	Verbascum thapsus—		1 1		1 1			
30	Mullein	50		3-10				
50	Melilotus alba-							
45	Sweet Clover	50		3-10	l			
40	Acalupha virginica—			0.10				
		50		3-10	11	On 12th day, 1	٦.	2
75	Giant Hyssop	30		9-10	11	Oil 12th day, 1	1	~
	Portulaca oleracea—	50		0.10	1			
40	Purslane			3-10				
29	Purslane	50		3-10	}			
77	Purslane	50		3-10				
•••	Oenothera biennis—		ŀ					
38	Evening Primrose	50		3-10				
47	Evening Primrose	50		3-10				
41	Verbena urticifolia-				i i			
59	Wild Verbena	50		3-10	14	On 15th day, 2	2	4
99	Verbena stricta—	•••					_ ~	•
	Verbena stricta	50		3-10				
63	Verbena stricta	50		3-10				
72		30		9-10				
	Teucrium canadense—	50		3-10				
65	Germander	90		3-10				
	Monarda fistulosa—		1			0 - 10 1 - 1 - 10	_	
82	Horsemint	50		3-10	9	On 10th day, 1; 17th, 2; 19th, 1; 44th, 1; 46th, 2	7	14
	Plantago major—		1					
28	Plantain	50		3-10	55	On 56th day, 1	1	2
	Datura stramonium—				1			
88	Jimson-weed	50		3-11				
55	Polanisia trachysperma—]			
91	Polanisia	50		3-11				