

The Farm.

WHEAT CULTURE.

Colman's Rural World. The importance of selecting pure seed should not be overlooked. The large and well-developed kernels should be selected. Such wheat should weigh nearer 65 than 60 pounds measured in an accurate-gauge half-bushel. The heavy kernels may be separated from the others by means of an improved fanning-mill, or, where one is not to be had, by taking a small hand-scoop, holding a quart perhaps, and throwing it against a strong breeze near to the opposite end of your threshing floor; the heaviest grains suitable for sowing will accumulate near the end from which it is thrown. No further preparation of the seed is usually desired. The following Sprites, as soon as the ground becomes sufficiently dry, the roller should be brought into requisition. Then in a week or ten days the field should be harrowed with a light harrow. The Thomas smoothing harrow is the best for that purpose. Then sow broadcast from fifty to one hundred pounds of gypsum to the acre. To this could be added, with great benefit, double the quantity of unleached wood ashes. No farmer can afford to sell the latter for twenty-five cents per bushel.

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