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SEED CORN SHORTAGE FACES STATE FARMS

BAD YEAR FOR THIS CROP

University of Illinois Warns Farmers To Gather Best Seed for Planting Next Year

Illinois corn growers are threatened by one of the most severe seed shortages in years, a warning being issued by the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, declares. The condition has been brought about by one of the most favorable corn growing years the state has ever known, it is explained.

A real seed corn emergency is indicated for next year, the warning states, and farmers are urged to gather an abundant supply of the best seed stock available this fall for next year's planting. Seed ears should be selected from the standing stalk before heavy frosts, according to university experts, and then stored so they will not be in danger of freezing before they are completely dried out.

The wet, cold and late spring delayed corn planting and prevented proper growth of corn that was planted, it is explained. Seed used in many cases was inferior. The development of the crop through the season was slow because of continued cool weather and from present indications little of it will mature into first class seed corn.

The shortage threatens to be even more severe than the one in 1918, J. C. Hackleman, chief of crops extension at the college, who has written a circular on the subject, believes. The emergency of that year was tempered by the fact that considerable old corn of good quality had been carried over and was available for planting. However the corn crop of 1923 was so injured by frosts and freezes that good seed corn was hard to find this spring. There will be practically no seed available from old corn next spring, Hackleman explained.

SHERIFF'S FORCE TO WATCH HUNTERS

Should Carry Hunting License And Get Permission To Hunt From Farmers

Hunters in Lake County must watch their step this season, county officials say, as Sheriff Ahlstrom and his deputies, and motorcycle squad held a meeting last week at which a plan of enforcement of the law was laid out.

The protection of the farmers of Lake county is the objective and deputies and special officers started Tuesday, when the hunting season opened to arrest all nimrods caught trespassing, violating the game laws of hunting without permits.

Sheriff Ahlstrom warns all hunters to be sure to get their hunting licenses and carry them on their person. Also that they be sure to first get written permission from farmers on whose premises they expect to hunt.

In a number of instances last winter the hunters actually threatened to shoot farmers who attempted to drive the hunters off the premises. This season things will be different, the Sheriff declared. "We will have deputies in every township and they will be in hourly communication with the office. In case complaints are received we will have an officer there to make arrests within a short time after the complaint is received."

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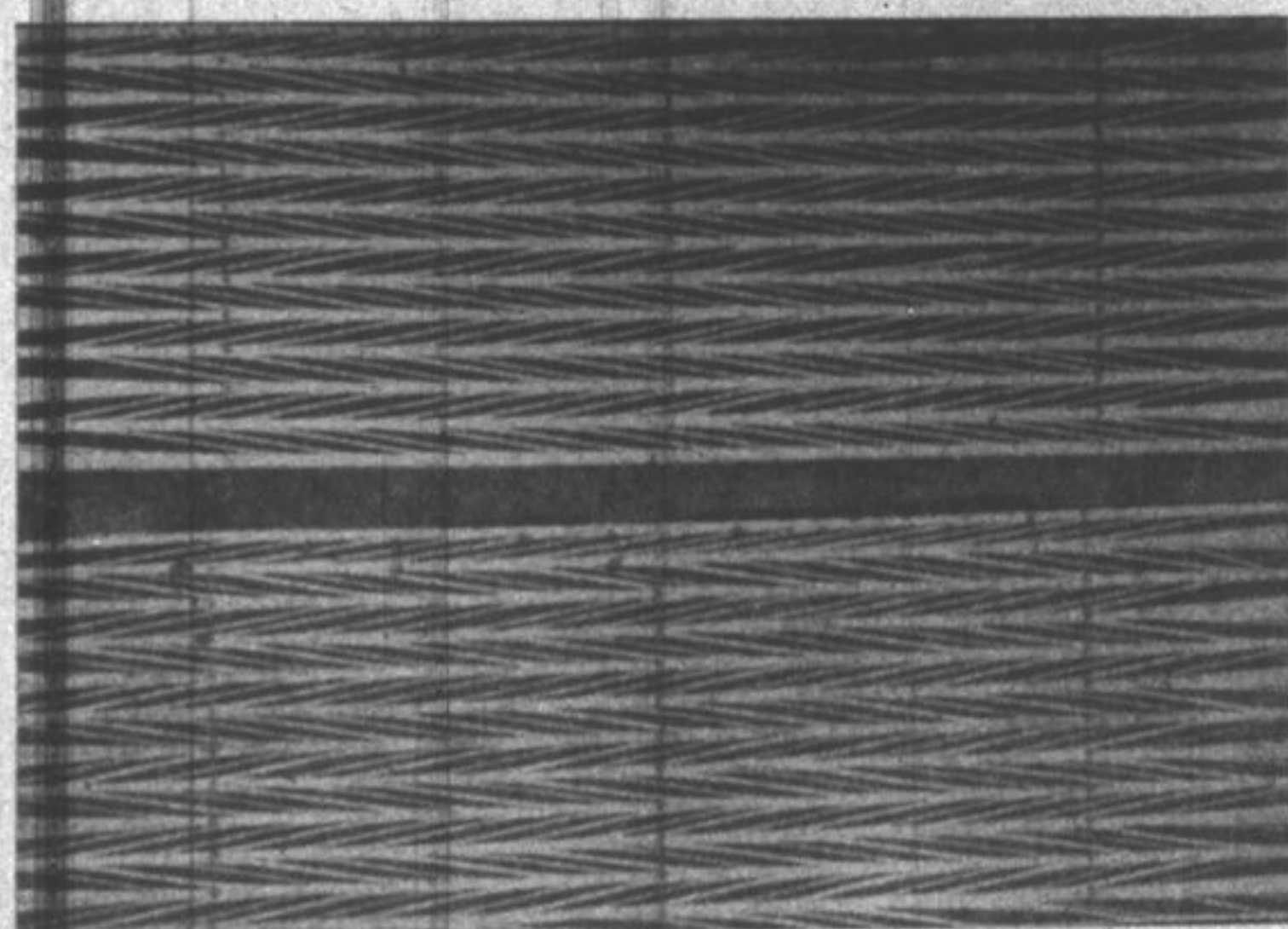
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