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Agronomy Students Selecting Seed Corn at College of Agriculture.

THE SELECTION of seed corn is being made on many Northwestern farms at this time. The above illustration shows future farmers of this section getting their first knowledge of the saving of seed corn. This view was taken at the farm of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis and is typical of the work being done by this institution and also by the Washington Agricultural College at Pullman.

Seed selection is a very important factor in successful corn growing. The corn plant is able to adapt itself, to a greater degree than any other cultivated plant, to soil and climatic conditions and there is also a wider variation in size and quality of grains, under average conditions, than is to be found with other cereals. The place to select seed corn is in the field, not in a book, and as far as possible, the agricultural colleges of the Northwest give this first-hand knowledge. It makes little difference how much a student may have studied the values of various grades of corn, it is not until he has inspected a corn field and selected the ears himself that he has a working knowledge of how this selection should be made.