

**Shrinkage of Stored Grain.**

"Wheat from threshing time for the next six months shrinks 6 per cent.; that gives the shrinkage about two quarts per bushel, and the shrinkage of ear corn is 20 to 30 per cent. in six months." Forty years ago I saw this statement published in one of our agricultural papers, and last winter the same account of shrinkage in grain was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer, not being changed a particle from the article published forty years ago. Now I have always claimed that any article written for the press should be known facts to be of any value, and based upon tested experiment for a series of years by weighing when stored and weighing when sold. For the past ten years I have been experimenting to learn the facts as to the exact amount of shrinkage in weight of grain by storage and find the following facts by weighing: Clover seed from time of threshing, if in good condition when stored, will in twelve months gain 1 per cent. in weight. Two years ago I weighed three sacks of wheat as it came from the threshing machine. The wheat was in good condition, and the three sacks weighed 405 pounds. They were placed in the wheat bin where nothing could disturb them, and they were reweighed April 1, making eight months in storage, and they weighed 405 lbs. showing no shrinkage. There may be a loss by wastage, but not in weight. The 1st day of August, 1894, I filled ten burlap sacks with oats as they came from the threshing machine. Each sack was weighed separately, a card was sewed on each one, stating weight, and the total weight of the ten sacks of oats was 1,272 pounds. The ten sacks of oats were reweighed January 1, 1895 and weighed 1,316 pounds, a gain in weight of forty-four pounds, showing a gain of 3.1-5 per cent. I assure you this was a surprise to me, but I called to mind that there had been no rain from the time they were heading until they were threshed. In years of abundance of rain during growth and ripening I think there would be less gain. It is the general opinion that corn shrinks more from time of husking in the fall up to May than any other farm product. Many farmers say from 10 to 20 per cent. Last fall I commenced my experiments to test the shrinkage. I filled a large sack full of ear corn on the 9th of November, 1895, the day it was husked. A card was sewed on the sack giving date of weighing and weight was 153.1-2 pounds. I reweighed it April 1, 1896, making nearly five months, and it weighed 154 pounds, showing one-half pound gain in the five months. Last fall was a remarkably dry fall, and early varieties of corn were fully matured and dry, especially the small cob varieties, and this corn was of that kind. Large ear corn, and especially large cob varieties, during a wet fall, will shrink from 5 to 6 per cent. This has been my experience by weighing.—Joseph Allen, in Prairie Farmer.

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