

2. Hurricane Proof Tags

In 1954 Hurricane Carol blew the tags off of a great many hand pollinated ears. Since the identification of the ears was stamped or written on the bags we lost more than half of the ears although the ears remained on the plants. To avoid such difficulties in future years, we have secured plastic tags which will be wired to the plants with copper wires at the time of pollination. These tags can be harvested with the corn. Since the tags will have all the data regarding the pollination it will not be necessary to put the pollination identification on the tassel bag used to protect the developing ear. This method should contribute to greater accuracy since there is no chance for error in transferring pollination data from tassel bag to tag for the ears harvested. Plastic tags come in 5 different colors making it possible to identify individual experiments by color, thus facilitating sorting ears after drying. Sources of tags will be supplied to those interested.

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