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1. Location of wilted (wi) on chromosome 6.

Crosses were made between a series of translocation stocks in which waxy (\underline{wx}) was used as a marker for the chromosomal interchanges and a wilted (\underline{wi}) \underline{wx} stock. These F_1 plants were then selfed and the waxy kernels from the resulting progeny were planted.

Expected ratios (25%) of wilted were obtained with all translocations except T6-9b. Progenies involving T6-9b, which has break points on the short arm of chromosome 9 between the centromere and waxy (.37) and on the long arm of chromosome 6 near the Y locus (.10), gave 6% wilted plants. It is therefore apparent that wilted is located on chromosome 6 near the Y locus. Further testing will be carried out to establish the position of wilted in regard to other genes on chromosome 6.

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2. Possibility of a new allele at the gal locus.

At the present date we have evidence of the presence of three alleles GaS, Ga and ga at the gal locus on chromosome 4. Plants Ga/Ga are fertilized by ga/ga. The advantage of GaS poller over ga is almost 1 on GaS/ga silks. GaS and Ga do not have an advantage over ga on ga/ga silks.

Nelson (1952), in studies of several popcorns, found a percentage of sugary kernels ranging from 13.9 to 15.5 in F₂ crosses of P51 (ga su/ga su) x the popcorns. In this experiment Schwartz D139 (Ga^S) was included. He concluded that there is a possibility of different alleles of the same type as Ga^S in these popcorns.

The popcorns 845, 1001, 4524, 401, 4519, and 4541, the genetic stock Ga and Schwartz's D139 were used in this experiment. In order to have a common genetic background, they were backcrossed five times to the dent corn Hy. In each backcross generation a test for the presence of Gas was made. The recovered plants were crossed onto P51 (ga su/ga su); these F1's were selfed and intercrossed in all possible combinations, in pairs reciprocally. The results of these selfs and crosses are in table 1.