TWO FARM OPERATORS FROM SPAIN see the valuable crop of sugar beets piled at the factory of the Great Western Sugar Co. before they started on a tour of northeastern Colorado with GW officials. From left are: Lloyd Crook, manager of seed processing and improvement of Longmont who met the visitors; Jim Gonyou, area agricultural manager for GW, Fernando Mora-Figueroa of the Province of Cadiz; Norm Davis, factory manager, and Alfred Gomez Torrez of Cadiz.

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Two Spain Farm Operators Visit

The fertile irrigated lands of Northeastern Colorado drew two operators of a large family farm operation in Spain, interested in the growing of sugar beets and beef raising, to Fort Morgan Tuesday.

The men are Fernando Mora-Figueroa and Alfred Gomez Torrez from the Province of Cadiz in southern Spain and the two are brothers-in-law.

The family operation is 15,000 acres of which 10,000 acres are irrigated. In addition, they have a game preserve on their property. They raise 2,200 acres of sugar beets and have 2,000 cows and 2,500 head of beef cattle in their feedlots so their interest is in both the sugar beet crop and the livestock industry. Interest in their inspection trip to Colorado was stimulated by J. V. Ostermiller, vice president and general manager of Great Western Export Co., who saw them on his last trip overseas and made arrangements for their visit.

The men also expressed their interest in irrigated pastures and to see how farmers are doing on heavier soils and hilly lands. In Spain the farm irrigation is handled by movable pipe and sprinkler.

Torrez left Spain ahead of Mora-Figueroa, was in Kalamazoo, Mich., for three days and then spent three days in Twin Falls, Idaho, where he studied the bean fields. His brother-in-law joined him in California and the two then flew to Colorado Springs. They met in Denver Tuesday morning by Lloyd Crook, manager of seed processing and improvement at Longmont. Crook brought the men to Fort Morgan for the start of their northeastern Colorado tour. They returned to Fort Morgan Tuesday night and inspected other farm operations today.

Accompanying the two visitors and Crook Tuesday were Norm Davis, agricultural manager at the Fort Morgan Great Western Sugar Co. factory, and James F. Gonyou, area agricultural manager for GW.