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ABOUT SOILING CROPS

An Easy Way to Supplement Dry Midsummer Pastures.

Alfalfa and Clover, Peas, Oats and Corn (Green) Make Nutrient, Nourishing Food - Weed Seeds Spread by Manure - What to Plant in a Late Garden.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

When the pastures dry up in June, July, August or September, the shortage is noted in the milk can and on the ribs of all the live stock. No grass, no milk, no beef, or at least not enough to be really profitable. It is a condition, both undesirable and too frequent in the experience of many farmers.

Live stock to be profitable must be fed liberally. Maintenance rations - dry pastures are nothing more - never make beef, or milk, and never can be profitable.

The farmer who provides green or succulent feed to carry his live stock through any period of pasture shortage is not only making his operations profitable, but he is preventing losses that liberal feeding alone can prevent.

The farmer who takes time by the neck and provides a summer feed does not worry about drought, knowing full well that his stock feed is standing ready for use. The man without the summer silo must do the next best thing, provide ample green crops that are palatable and nutritious to do with the pastures fail to do. A few pounds of green peas and oats, green clover, green alfalfa, and green vetches make for contentment, a full milk pail and thrifty young stock.

How to Carry Over Ten Cows. If a farmer has ten cows he should figure on the crop from one half acre providing ample green feed to carry them ten days. Peas and oats, mixed one and a half bushels of each, and sown as early as possible in the spring, and followed by a second seeding ten days later, will provide for twenty days of an early drought.

An area of alfalfa near the feed yard is especially useful during July and August to keep the stock going until the early corn is ready. Sweet clover is more useful as a pasture plant than as a crop plant that may be cut and taken to the feed rack. Clovers, peas, oats and corn will furnish all the succulent feeds that are necessary providing of course that the stockman undertakes their production in due time each spring. Grow a few additional acres for green feed this spring, and if drought occurs will be fortified against loss. - L. Stevenson, Secretary, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Weed Seed Spread by Manure. It is quite generally known that weed seeds pass through the digestive tract of animals and still remain viable. The manure will contain these seeds, and the result is that it may be spread with weed plants, some of a very noxious character. In spite of this fact, precautions are not generally taken against the feeding of screenings which contain seeds of noxious weeds.

As a result of experiments at the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, it was found that in feeding certain seeds to cows the germination may be increased after having passed through the digestive tract. Curled dock, a very common farm weed, germinated only four per cent. in its natural condition. A quantity of this seed was fed to a cow, and 100 such seeds were placed in a germinator. Ninety-eight out of the one hundred grew. The same is true to some extent of lamb's quarters, often known as pigweed. The seed of this weed germinated 62 per cent. before feeding, 82 per cent. after feeding. The germination of quack grass seedlings was not much affected, as a germination of 95 per cent. was secured before feeding, and 80 per cent. after feeding. The viability of Canada thistle seed was decreased to some extent, but enough seed remained to infest a field.

In view of the foregoing figures, the farmer should be very careful in the use of screenings. They should either be ground to the very finest possible condition, so as to crush all weed seeds, or else they should be fed to such animals as sheep, which grind up and thoroughly destroy the ordinary weed seeds.

What to Plant in Late Gardens. Carrots, beets and celery for winter use may be planted in the latter part of June.

Golden bantam corn to keep up the supply for late summer. Early string beans and peas to provide substitutes for winter use. Fresh and crisp vegetables as the means of saving canned products for winter use.

Seed sown in this summer should be planted in freshly stirred soil and somewhat deeper than in spring, and the soil over the seed should be "firmed" more carefully than usual.

The Home Vegetable Garden. The home vegetable garden should be a family interest and all members of the family who are able to do so should take part in its cultivation. There is no better form of outdoor exercise than moderate working in the home garden, and few lines of recreational work will give greater returns for the time employed.

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"The Interprovincial Weed Special"



Of all menaces to agriculture in the prairie provinces, it is usually agreed that the loss sustained from weeds far outweighs the loss from any other pestiferous cause. Realizing this, the decision was reached by the Provincial Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, that if the Canadian Pacific Railway would provide the service, a special interprovincial train-investigation would be equipped and sent out.

The Railway Company concurred in the plan, and on the morning of 24th January the Special train, consisting of two lecture cars, one car for display of implements, another exhibiting various types of machinery employed in weed control, and a dining car, opened up at Dominion City, Man., upon a tour of six weeks-two months to each province-conclude in Southern Alberta the first week in March. Any pessimism which may have existed with respect to the success of this mission was soon dispelled. From the outset great interest was experienced in handling the large crowds at each point visited, and on some occasions it was necessary to obtain the use of the local service to accompany the train. This manifestation of interest on part of the farmers greatly encouraged the speakers with respect to the work they put forth their best efforts and received a splendid response with an assurance of earnest cooperation.

The Weed Exhibit car as a popular centre of interest to both young and old. Here were paintings and living and pressed plants to illustrate the worst weeds; and with these were companioned the means of eradication. Many kinds of weed seeds were shown under magnifying glasses, and models of weed seeds enlarged to forty diameters were shown. Soil plots with weeds growing from weed seed planted on the trip, indicated the rapidity with which some typical weeds developed when not promptly eradicated. In these plots the weeds were identified by the speaker, and the methods of destroying these weeds.

The second exhibit car contained various types of machinery employed in weed control, with weed destruction, seed cleaning and cultivation purposes generally. The two lecture cars, which were used for this purpose only, were adorned with placards bearing upon the weed question. The staff accompanying the train, provided by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, Agricultural Colleges and Schools, included prominent authorities in agricultural matters as obtaining in Western Canada. Through each Province either the Minister of Agriculture or the Deputy Minister directed a programme which varied from day to day to suit the prevailing conditions of the district visited, for instance, a district badly infested with the Russian Thistle may have also suffered from the grasshopper plague of last year—these two matters would be treated by special authorities instructing thoroughly upon the measures to be taken to combat them. Another district had an abundance of couch grass, or mustard, or the cutworm had ravaged the crops.

Each of these would receive very special attention with definite instructions to those affected. A certain amount of time was taken at each point for the discussion of other agricultural topics, such as water feeding, growing of corn and sunflowers (much interest was taken in the matter of sunflowers-for fodder) clover, alfalfa, and fall rye, also the advantages of having a silo on the farm. The discourses were of such a varied and comprehensive nature that it would be difficult to go into detail, but the writer is satisfied that no other similar train has ever accomplished as much within such a short time. During the six weeks three thousand five hundred miles was covered, seventy-four points visited, and seventy-six meetings held, with an aggregate attendance of fifteen thousand four hundred and eighty people.

The objective of the Provincial Governments and the Canadian Pacific Railway, was to arouse public sentiment to the seriousness of the weed situation, and it is believed that this has been accomplished and the venture thoroughly justified.

Firemen's DEMONSTRATION GEORGETOWN

Dominion Day, July 1st

A Successful Woman Farmer in British Columbia

(1) Lillooet country, showing Mrs. Foster's ranch in foreground. (2) Mrs. Foster, of Lillooet, B.C.

At Lillooet, about thirty miles west of Ashcroft and north of Lytton, right in the middle of the day hot in British Columbia where irrigation is the magic wand that turns the desert into a fertile garden, there is a little 25-acre farm owned and ably managed by a woman.

It catches the eye by its appearance of cozy prosperity, its almsy orchard, well-wooded gardens, the sleekness of the milk-cows grazing in the higher paddocks and the vivid green of its alfalfa fields stands out in strong relief against the vast brown barrens-along of the surrounding country, sun-baked, covered with sage-brush and little shrubs.

Wet as she is with a life-time's work of fifty-three years behind her, Mrs. Foster still carries on - as busily and as thoroughly as she did twenty years ago. With the help of an Indian who comes in to do the ploughing and give a hand with the haying and harvesting, she also does other manual tasks with her own hands, manage the whole work of the farm alone.

Mrs. Foster gets more out of her acreage than any other farmer in the province. Every inch of ground is brought into production by a well-planned and scientific system; the vegetable and animal growth are made to react on each other's mutual benefit and both to the good of their owner and the country.

Her first cows pasture on the barn and she sells all her dairy products to a hotel; besides these there are a couple of work-horses, pigs and chickens. Every scrap of feed used for the stock is produced on the ranch itself.

Mrs. Foster has worked down to a fine point just exactly how much space it is necessary to devote to alfalfa, grain and hay in order to do this and nothing is bought in the way of feed except perhaps chaff for the chickens. The crop and the animal balance each other and no over-weight is allowed on either side.

This farmer is also a first class gardener, both in theory and in practice in British Columbia. She devotes about a quarter of an acre of well adapted land to her early spring garden and another piece with a colder aspect to her late summer planting; so by a carefully planned system of sowing, including Italian late peas, peaches and apricots, of which latter Mrs. Foster has two big trees (now in bearing) grown from seeds she once she came to the place nine years ago. Last year she shipped away 700 boxes of fall and winter apples.

There are some healthy looking hedges of grape vines which bear profusely and plenty of raspberries and other small fruits, but her speciality is a mission for which she is famous. There are rows and rows of these, cantaloupes, musk and water melons for all of which she finds a ready market. Her four beehives are partly the reason why her fruit is so successful.

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