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Supplementary Feed Crops for 1935

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Grains and Mixtures for Hay

Oftentimes a crop of oats, barley or wheat or mixtures of these crops, would be far more valuable cut as hay, than to go to the further expense of harvesting, binding twine expense, and labor of shocking, threshing, etc. This will depend upon the need for forage, and the price of small grain.

To make the best quality hay any small grain can be cut any time from early blossom stage up to the time when the base of the plants are changing color. When the leaves are green the plant has more palatability.

Corn (Field and Sweet)

One of the cheapest and most dependable fodder plants for adverse conditions or questionable soils is corn. A surprisingly large amount of forage of fair quality can be had if it is handled before the leaves are all dried up and the stalks too mature. Thick plantings of half a bushel to the acre of corn, will give a fine tonnage of feed if cut in early stages of growth and put in small to medium sized shocks. Regular field corn cut a little on the green side and put in large shocks, produces large amounts of feed fed as shredded fodder; or out of the bundle.

Sweet corn will provide a large amount of good food for dairy cattle, beef or sheep. Immediately after picking the ears for canning—or in smaller areas after snapping off early ears for stock—cut and put in small shocks.

Root Crops Useful

Root crops have proven their worth in the areas of questionable corn crops, or on farms with few cleared areas, and where more stock is needed than hay can be supplied for. Selections from carrots, mangels, turnips and rutabagas can be made but for yielding and keeping qualities, the rutabagas are preferred. Turnips (both cow horn and other types) can be planted in small grains or in corn for fall feed. Mangels yield heaviest of all roots on well fertilized old soils, when prepared deep and thoroughly. Yields of from 15 to 18 tons can be obtained with good seed bed, favorable soil, proper thinning and good care. Cheap storage can be provided by anyone. No crop offers more feed per acre than a good root crop.

Rape-Valuable Crop for Late Feed

Rape, seeded in grain or in corn at the last cultivation, offers large amounts of late feed when reasonable amounts of rainfall occur. This crop is excellent for young stock, sheep and hogs, but when used as dairy cow feed, the animals should be taken off from pasture two to four hours before milking, or the milk cooled immediately after milking to prevent odor or off taste of the milk.

Sunflower Silage Ranks High

Sunflowers are a very profitable crop for silage for cooler and shorter growing sections as in the extreme north or on low soils where sufficient growing days for corn are questionable, and where winter feed is likely to be scarce. Because of high yields, sunflower silage can be produced cheaper than corn silage.

Sunflowers can be handled the same as corn. Plant in checks about corn planting time—4 to 6 stalks per hill; or in drill with seeds 6 to 10 inches apart; by cornplanter or by grain drill by clogging up some of the spouts to leave the cultivating distance desired.

The crop is raised and can be cared for and handled at silo filling time just the same as corn. Sunflowers and corn can be planted together but are very awkward to handle. It is far better to plant a field of corn and another of sunflowers and mix them at silo filling time.

Hays from timothy and mixed hay meadows are greatly improved by early cutting and fertilization. The early cutting makes for more palatability, higher protein and more leafiness, while the fertilization means increased yields of more digestible protein.

Top dressing of timothy meadows with good barnyard manure is most commendable. New forms of cheap nitrogen fertilizers will probably play an ever increasing part on well established timothy meadows.

It is essential that potash and phosphorous be sufficiently abundant in the soil so that the annual application of nitrogen may be productive of satisfactory results. This practice is but in its infancy; however, it may be applicable in some regions as an emergency measure, in quickly increasing the amount and quality of available forage.

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