

# POINTERS ON SOIL FERTILITY

# Amount of Manure Required

It is, of course, impossible to give any definite rules on this point, but tests conducted by Agricultural Colleges, Government Experts and others have proved that a light coating applied by a Manure Spreader gives much better results than a heavy application by hand, thus causing a given amount of manure to cover much more land and acre for acre the land will yield more with the smaller amount applied with the spreader.

## Top Dressing of Field Crops

The Manure Spreader has made possible the top dressing of field crops which in a majority of cases gives the best results; for the first rain carries the fertilizing constitutents down into the soil directly to the roots of the plants, the top coating serves as a mulch to prevent drying out and also, in the case of fall sown crops, as a protection in winter.

### Manuring a Meadow

This can be successfully accomplished by using a Massey-Harris Manure Spreader. It cannot be done satisfactorily by hand as the spreading would be very uneven and many large chunks would be left to find their way into the hay, rendering it almost, if not quite, unfit for use.

### On Pasture Land

A light coating of manure can be applied with this Spreader so as to greatly improve the pasturage without causing the cattle to refuse to graze over it as would almost surely result from hand spreading. Many pastures which were almost worthless have been reclaimed in this way.

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