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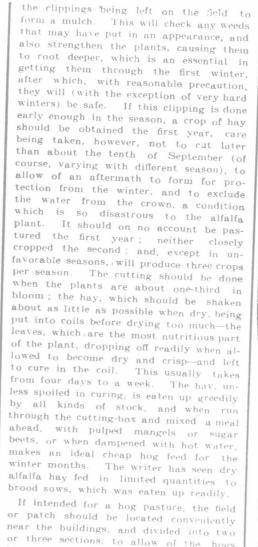
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or three sections, to allow of the hogs being changed from one to the other, giving it a better chance to grow than when grazed continuously, and enabling it to carry more hogs per acre. The number of hogs that an acre should pasture depends on the stand, the season and the size and age of the hogs. On an average, where the hogs are changed about every two or three weeks, or as often as growth necessitates, a good stand should furnish sufficient grazing for from ten to fifteen hogs per acre, from the early spring till about the middle of September. The hogs should be provided with plenty of shade and water, and, of course, should receive a ration of grain.

We hear considerable in alfalfa discussions of the cost of seeding as compared with red clover. Let us see: seed generally runs about the same as red clover, and, occasionally, a trifle lower at present both are about the same price per bushel. If thirty pounds of alfalfa seed per acre be sown, about double the amount of seed is used that is ordinarily sown of red clover. Now, a seeding of red clover will produce one crop. If sown with timothy, we find in most cases but a small amount of clover in the hay the second year. Some fall pasturage is also secured, and in some cases a second crop is cut. A good catch of the first year or two will remain seeded for five or ten years and even longer. As to its interfering with crop rotation : If a field will continue to grow good crops year after year provided the weeds can be kept subdued. why should it be plowed up in two years in order to practice crop rotation on that particular piece of land? Another complaint often launched is the difficulty encountered in breaking the sod. I might here say that this is more pronounced in a thin seeding, where the roots have reached a good thickness, than where the plants stand closer and roots are finer. An alfalfa-grower has recently advocated. in case of breaking up the sod, close pasturage in fall with sheep or other stock. repeating again in spring until June, when it will be in the best condition for breaking. Alfalfa sod is at all times considerably harder to plow than ordinary sod : and this reminds us that we seldom receive any great blessing without its being accompanied by some slitht inconvenience. Again, we occasionally hear of a farmer who, having given it a trial. has reported unfavorably, when if facts were investigated they would reveal that it had been sown in small quantities along with other grasses : or, if sown alone, on ground in unsuitable condition, and the seed applied too sparingly. Just here the writer has a recollection of seeing, some Continued on next page.





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