

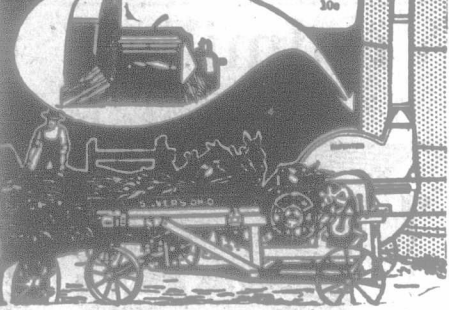
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Thistle.

Enclosed find a sample of a thistle which has been on this farm for some time. Let me know, through "The Farmer's Advocate," what kind of a thistle this is. J. S. M.

Ans.—To all appearances the sample sent was Canada Thistle. Although the specimen was so small that it is possible, the weed is one of the Knapweeds, a closely allied species.

Annual Pasture—Alfalfa.

I would like a little more light on the subject of annual pastures, especially on the method described in the paragraph on page 1094 of July 8 number.

1. This paragraph states that the oats are seeded to clover, but the clover is pastured the following year instead of the year sown. If the oats are pastured off, it would be similar to pasturing the clover, would it not?

2. Is the sugar-cane cultivated any after it has been pastured?

3. Are the cows turned into the whole pasture at once, or are they confined to the one kind of pasture at a time?

4. About when is the proper time to commence using the pasture?

5. Can the cows be left in the field steady, or should they be taken out as soon as they obtain a feed?

6. In regard to sowing alfalfa, would a suitable way be to use the seeding attachment on a drill when sowing fertilizer? What mixture of fertilizer would be best for this crop? G. K. P.

Ans.—1. Of course the clover would be pastured some with the oats, but not so closely as to injure it, and would come on as the main crop next year for pasture.

2. No.

3. One kind at a time.

4. This depends on the season. Usually about six weeks after sowing.

5. They are left in after they become accustomed to the feed.

6. It should be sown ahead of the drill. The class of fertilizer required would depend on the land. No nitrogen is needed. Inoculate the seed. If the land is deficient in lime use this. Barnyard manure is good.

Alfalfa—Rape and Rye—Baby Beef.

1. I have a field that has been in sod two or three years and am plowing it for wheat. I pastured it this summer. Would it be all right to seed down again with alfalfa in the spring? I would like to seed it to alfalfa. Should alfalfa be seeded with spring grain? How much alfalfa is required to seed an acre?

2. I was thinking of sowing rape and rye on a field after harvest for pasture. Is it too late to sow rape? What would you advise for fall pasture, and how much rape and rye would it require for an acre?

3. I have a calf sucking the cow weighing 175 pounds, four weeks old. If I keep it until it is 250 pounds, would it be baby-beef, and is baby-beef worth more than veal? Please explain baby-beef as to age and weight and feed required other than cow's milk, and is it best to let them suck the cow?

W. M.

Ans.—1. Provided you get all the grass out of the land it might do all right. But we would be afraid that there would still remain some grass in the land. It would likely be better to wait a year and sow the crop alone after summer-fallowing till early July. Sow 20 lbs. of seed per acre.

2. It is too late for rape to do well. Rye alone will do very well, about two bushels per acre.

3. It would scarcely be baby-beef at 250 lbs. Baby beef is simply good beef, finished up to eighteen months of age. Plenty of grain and roots or silage are used in conjunction with whole milk. Cattle weigh from 700 lbs. up to 1,100 or 1,200, and more in some instances.



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