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Ouestions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

About an Annual Pasture. 1. Would 3 acres supply green feed

Ans .- 1.- It is estimated that one acre of such pasture will maintain about

1 1-5 head of cattle. Calculating on this basis it might be safe to say that

9 or 10 cows could be pastured on 3 acres for a short time night and morn-

ing as suggested in this query, however,

it must be remembered that when being placed on this pasture for only a short

time the cattle are quite likely to be in a condition that they will eat more than ordinary. Last year at Weldwood

about 20 cows were turned onto a 3-

acre field of this summer pasture night

and morning for a short time. It lasted well throughout the summer, and this

year the clover is looking exceptionally

2. The oats will not amount to much

questions for me. When in Canada we

had two silos, and I want to do the same here, but we cannot get maize to

mature fit for silage. We intend to use

tares and oats. Please answer the fol-

1. What size would you build two

silos to supply fifty milch cows, of Short-

horn breed, with about forty pounds of

silage daily for seven or eight months of

2. Would tares and oats make as valuable si'age as maize ? Should silos be filled quickly, or slowly each day?

3. How many acres would be required

4. What stage of growth should be considered the proper time to cut this

5. Would it spoil the silage if crops

were put into the silo with any moisture in them from rain or heavy dew ?

6. Would tares and oats need to be

7. Which is the best silage, sweet or

cut into pieces about an inch long, like

after the harvesting season.

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to fill two silos ?

crop for ensiling ?

maize, for filling silos ?

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enough for 9 or 10 cows to pasture an hour or so night and morning; it being on rich soil? 2. Will the oats continue to grow all fall if not pastured too close, or will they die out after the usual harvest

time ?

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2 What makes the difference tween them ?

8. Which crop would you prefer for best feeding purposes, and which would be cheapest, tares and oats made into silage, or root crops, either swedes of H. H. B. mangels ?

Ans.-1. Two silos, 14x35 ft., filed with maize, would supply fifty cows with forty pounds of silage per day for about 225 days.

2. No. Such has not been the experience in Canada. It is the practice to fill silos quickly, but often the filling is repeated after settling takes place.

3. It would probably require eight to ten acres to fill each silo.

4. About the milk stage, or a little before.

5. It would be better if the natural sap was the only moisture ?

6. Yes; or shorter. The silage should be tramped thoroughly, as enough air will then get in on account of the hollow stems.

7. Sour silage is usually the result of an immature crop of maize. Even silage, resulting from the ordinary fermentation, would be sour, but the term is usually applied to the power silage.

8. We would prefer the roots, either swedes or mang ls. In fact, we would proceed very slowly with the experiment with the silage made from oats and vetches. Although the system you suggest has had its advocates in the past, yet we have never se n a crop other than maize ensiled successfully. Alfalfa and other legumes are sometimes mixed with maize and ensiled, but where good roots can be grown and stored, we would depend upon them until we had proved the other system to our entire satisfaction.

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