

"We plough about four inches deep, harrow well and put on a dressing of manure, and plough. Then give it a good harrowing with Disc Spring-tooth and Spike-tooth harrows. Make the rows and put in them about five hundred pounds of bone and potash to the acre. Cover it in and sow the seed with a horse-seeder. As soon as they are up nicely run the cultivator through to kill any weeds and to loosen up the earth. When about four inches high thin out to about twelve inches, all done with a hoe, pull and shove. One man can thin out one-half acre per day. As soon as the young plants straighten up put the cultivator through, and keep putting it through. The oftener the cultivator goes through the larger the turnips will be. We often run through them the second time to clean out with a hoe any weeds that may be left. A man can go over a second time almost as fast as he can walk, and we have never had any trouble to raise from eight hundred to one thousand bushels per acre.

"Four years ago we had fourteen hundred bushels per acre. Last year was our poorest crop. Our land is clay, and being a wet season, the turnips did not get the amount of cultivating they should have had at the proper time.

"I do not believe that there is any crop that can be grown as cheaply as turnips, and none that is relished more by all kinds of stock. I would advise every man to try a small piece, and feel certain that if he did it would only be a few years before he would sow a much larger piece.

"Yours truly,

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S. A. Logan, Agriculturist at the College Farm, Truro, says: "Any stock breeder in the Maritime Provinces who does not raise turnips is not getting the full advantage of his heritage. Turnips keep animals of all kinds in a healthy condition and help them to assimilate other feeds. They are unsurpassed as food for beef production and young stock, and as to feeding dairy cattle I may say that we have fed turnips to cows for the last twelve years and produced as high as 180 lbs. of butter per week, and have never yet had any complaint from customers as to turnip flavor in butter. I would not attempt to farm in Nova Scotia if I could not raise turnips."