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Rye and Vetch for Manure.

I intend sowing some fall rye and vetch this fall for pasture and green manure. Would it be advisable to sow it on land that has a crop of oats on it now? The land is a loam, dry, and well drained. If it would be advisable, how much rye and vetch should be sown to the acre, and at what time should it be sown? I intend planting corn in same field next summer. C. M.

Ans.—We see no reason why fall rye and vetch would not be all right on land which is growing a crop of oats this year, used as a green manure. You might sow about a bushel and a half of rye, and from a peck to half a bushel of vetch to the acre. If it is intended to pasture next spring, it might be sown late in September. If you want any pasture from it this fall, however, it should be sown much earlier. Rye and vetch are used to a considerable extent in some localities for plowing down for green manure, and we do not know of anything which would serve your purpose better.

Rye and Vetch for Pasture—Cutting Alfalfa.

Some time ago I saw in an "Advocate" the advice to sow in the corn at the last cultivating, rye and hairy vetch, so that next May there would be a good cover to plow down for green manure.

1. How would you sow it?
2. Would it make good pasture this fall or in the spring?
3. I sowed alfalfa on June 20th, and have a splendid catch. Some say to run the mower over it in the course of a week or so, and leave it on the ground for manure, and others say not. Which would you advise me to do?

J. A. McK.

Ans.—1. We have never sowed this crop, but it would seem that the only satisfactory method would be to mix the seed and sow it by hand on the corn just previous to the final cultivation of the corn crop. It would be necessary to work it in, in order to get the seed to germinate.

2. Under favorable conditions some good feed might be produced this fall, and if not pastured too closely, doubtless would make fine feed next spring. We may say that we are broadcasting rape in a part of our corn at Weldwood this year, to be pastured this fall after the corn is cut.

3. From experiences which we have had with alfalfa, we would not advise cutting it the first season, although some have had good success from this practice. If it does not get too high, do not cut.

Lice, Hog Pasture, Turkeys Ailing.

1. Will you kindly let me know what is good to kill blue lice on calves? They are three months old, and getting very thin. I think the lice are the cause of the trouble with them.

2. I would like to know if rape is good feed for hogs in summer, and what kind of ground to sow it on?

3. Will you tell me what kind of green food you would advise for hogs?

4. I have a flock of turkeys that are getting the red head. They are getting delicate. What will help them? I feed them oat meal, bread, and sweet milk, still they are droopy. They are not lousy.

J. B. M.

Ans.—1. Some of the proprietary dips and insect powders advertised in this journal should clean the calves of lice. We have also used successfully a mixture of ordinary cement and hellebore, four parts of cement to one of hellebore, dusted thickly along the backs of the cattle, and rubbed well into the skin. Some claim that cement alone will do the trick.

2. Rape is an excellent summer feed for hogs. It may be grown on almost any class of soil, but does best on a damp, rich loam.

3. As a green food for hogs, there is nothing better than rape, red clover, or alfalfa.

4. We do not know what you mean by the red head in turkeys. There is a disease called blackhead, which is very deadly. Any diseased birds should be isolated, and those not affected placed on clean runs.

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