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Top Dressing and Soiling.—Were I able, with pen or voice, to reach every young farmer in the land, and to secure his attention, chief among all farm operations I would urge upon him to fully understand, and thoroughly to practice two things, namely: to top dress all meadows and fields of winter grain, and to soil all their stock. With all who have practiced it to any extent, applying nanure and compost on the meadows and winter wheat and rye, it is found to be a most advantageous way to use manure, and bring the most speedy profit for the operation. Spread on winter wheat late in autumn it does much to prevent winter killing, by preventing the plants from being torn out by frost or blown bare by the wind in dry times in winter, as is often the case. This mulching or top-dressing also shelters the young grain and grass from the hot sun in spring, and prevents the moisture and ammonia from being evaporated this entirely avoids, or largely lessens, the evils of drought.

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It also fertilizes and stimulates the growth of the young plants, by being leached and soaked into the soil gradually by the rains. We have succeeded in raising, and have seen others raise, bountiful crops of first rate winter wheat on lands where none before ever did, or even expected to get crops on account of winter killing; but top dressing or mulching makes winter grain a sure thing, otherwise it could not succeed.

Then we have taken old, dry, "sold bound" meadows, liberally spread manure and compost on them in the fall, and next summer cut three tons of good hay to the acre. The mulching kept the soil moist and soft, sheltered off the sun, leached down and stimulated the growing of the grass; we have also top dressed right after the first mowing in June, so the hot sun should not dry and scorch the ground and roots, laid bare by mowing, and thereby gained another good swath of over a ton to the acre. This operation pays well if done once in two years, and will prevent a good meadow from ever "running out" or getting sod bound, so that plowing and re-seeding is necessary, unless it is desired to plow occasionally and sow to grain; but if there be a good market for the hay it is by this process more profitable than grain raising.—Maryland Farmer.