

AIN IN TINY IS DISCUSSED

necessary Preamble Insure Good Crop

By H. G. Avery, Agent.

been the most profitable crop in Union county. Inclusion of most farm-ers growing this hay a past few years. Most are inclined to state it is too high in price and is buying hay to feed all heartily agree with it. With most of the in the Grande Ronde the past few years, hay ranging from \$10 return to the hay grow-er a satisfactory very good. Even the North Powder and as who had a large hay in the winter of 1921, disposed of all this winter of 1922 and well on the road to entire 1922 crop this alfalfa should be grown.

been described as the "crop of the future." It is cer-ainly the inter-mountain section it can easily be first place of all field plant, while furnishing feed for livestock is the best soil builders we have the power to increase humus in the soil and the amount of nitro- gen which are present on the soil, this habit of great value to the soil fertility.

well be combined in other crops in the dry of a large part of the Grande Ronde. The use of Grimm al- phur fertilizers, have the past few years, st wonderful dry land plant ever grown any- where in the world. They are fairly close to alfalfa being a deep able to draw on this soil.

Explained. a rotation in which be included, the first companion crop is ma- of the grains, pre- sence it on the aver- best money returns. nes of seeding a new field to remain set years or more. Many or than this are yield- the heaviest crops. It is Union county farm- the use of potatoes in alfalfa and wheat a combination, although do not encourage a very large acreage many farmers in the n of southern Idaho notes or sugar beets up after breaking up field of alfalfa is fall, an attempt being y cut the crown off two or three inches face. The ground is turbed with the ex- haps being harrowed the alfalfa roots to the frost. The fol- lowing is the ground to plow, it is plowed accumulation of roots is thus turned under, es or beets at the following this with minates all of the alf- first year. In Idaho more crops of po- are harvested suc- cessively. This is not advised of potatoes could be the drier sections of and the field seeded wheat. The result- ant has returned an five to ten bushels which has been so county as compared land where alfalfa own in a rotation. It approximately four can be removed by erfallow before it is

necessary to again seed alfalfa. Many farmers in Union county will find it advisable to use corn as the first crop after alfalfa. This crop should produce a large amount of silage, but will usually give a low grain yield on account of the excessive nitrogen available for plant food.

Silage Used as Feed.
The rotation given above will im- mediately lead most farmers to ask what is to be done with the large amount of hay and corn silage pro- duced. The answer is, feed more livestock, preferably dairy cows. Many good wheat producing farms on the Sand Ridge could well be di- vided into three equal parts farmed according to the above rotation, keeping high producing dairy cattle and each of the three farms would be better off at the end of the year than the man who is growing wheat. Dairying, however, is another story, and I will not attempt here to make a dairyman out of the man who has been here many years before I came and who is producing a good crop of wheat.

Satisfactory crops of alfalfa have only been secured in recent years. Many farmers originally were not able to grow this crop because of the fact that it winter killed. This trouble was overcome by the intro- duction of Grimm and Baltic alfalfa, both of which are very hardy and have survived several bad win- ters where the common alfalfa was pretty well killed out. In addition these varieties gave a slightly higher yield than the common variety where late spring frosts prevail where they do not.

Fertilization Important.
More important from the stand- point of yield is the use of some form of sulphur as a fertilizer. The response of alfalfa to fertilization by land plaster and sulphur was demonstrated by County Agent Spill- man who made applications of these fertilizers in the various districts of the county several years ago. Re- sulting yields from the fertilized plots showed an increase of from nothing up to three hundred per cent. It is the opinion of the ma- jority of farmers who have used these fertilizers that an average in- crease of fifty per cent in crop can be secured. With fertilizer applied at a cost of less than \$1.25 per acre last year and a slightly lower price on land plaster prevailing this year, the man who does not fertilize his alfalfa can be directly compared to the farmer who expects to get milk from cows, but does not give them enough feed. If land plaster fer- tilizer is applied to alfalfa at the proper time, the original cost per acre will be returned several times over the first year. Any farmer who is growing alfalfa can well af- ford to borrow money to fertilize it in the section where its effect has been fully demonstrated and any banker who understands the condi- tions should be quite willing to make such a loan.

Careful Seeding.
The seeding of alfalfa in this section is generally made in the spring. Seed of the Grimm or Baltic vari- eties should be selected. Although this kind of seed costs more than the common, one bad winter is likely to cost more in the destroying of the stands of the common non-hardy alfalfa. A limited amount of Grimm and Baltic seed is produced in the Grande Ronde valley and is being sold to farmers here at a price con- siderably lower than it can be bought elsewhere. The Oregon Ag- ricultural college will test samples of seed submitted to them free of charge, so that each farmer may know just what he is planting.

Alfalfa should be seeded on a firm well settled seed bed. Many farm- ers use a corrugated iron roller in packing the soil and try to get the land in very much the same shape as they put their gardens before seeding them. Alfalfa seed is sow- ed without a nurse crop when dan- ger of frost freezes are past. It may be either broadcast or seed- ed with a drill, but should be planted in the top one inch of soil, harrow- ing lightly following this to cover any seed exposed. Some farmers may find it beneficial to apply land plaster at the rate of fifty pounds per acre per acre following the seed- ing or this fertilizing may be dis- posed until the next year when two hundred pounds per acre should be used. After planting there is noth- ing more to be done with the ex- ception of mowing off any weeds which might get too thick the first year. Alfalfa is much benefited by cultivating with a spring tooth harrow early in the spring. This allows air to get into the roots and aids the action of the nitrifying bac- teria and it also destroys many weeds and such pernicious foul grass- es as the wild brome, commonly called devil grass in this country. Cul- tivation, however, should not be at- tempted until the second year or later, as it will destroy the young plants if practiced before they be- come strongly rooted.

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