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Expensive Mistake Generally Made in Northern States by Planting Crop Last.

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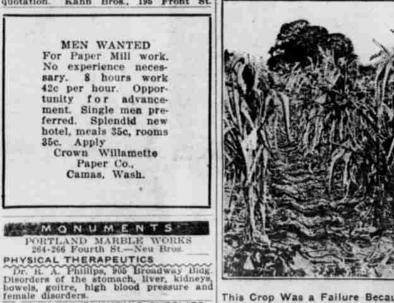
Planting ensilage corn last instead of first is an expensive mistake very generally made in northern portions of the United States. Strong germinating seed of enslinge varieties from farther south should be planted two or three weeks earlier than the home-grown seed, which is planted for the production of grain.

Earlier Planting, Better Yields.

When large ensilage varieties from Virginia or Missouri, for example, are planted in northern states late in May, they make a rapid, long-jointed, tender, succulent growth, and are so green when fall frosts occur that they are heavy to handle, low in feeding value, and make ensilage which is sloppy and too sour. But when planted in April, or very early May, they make a slower, hardler growth, better withstand spring frosts and summer droughts, and reach a more advanced condition of maturity and produce more grain than when planted later.

Early maturing, home-grown varieties do not need and may not be benefited by unusually early planting, but large-growing ensilage varieties are benefited. Though somewhat dwarfed

y very early planting, the large en-



This Crop Was a Failure Because the Soil Moisture Became Exhausted Just When the Plants Should Have Begun to Form Ears-

silage varieties will, by nature, make ample stalk growth, and because of early planting will yield more and riper grain and make richer and sweeter ensilage. Early planting supplies the age necessary for maturation and reproduction.



Early Cultivation Warms Soil.

Ensllage crops in the North are made much more profitable when these two points are observed:

Judge the crop by its feeding value and not by its height or weight, or the amount of labor necessary to silo it.

Although earlier planting necessitates earlier cultivation, it pays. Early cultivation dries and warms the soil surface. If it remains wet it remains cold, and the young corn cannot grow. Stirring causes the surface to dry rapidly, absorb heat, feel warm to the hand, and the corn to grow, while near by, uncultivated soil will remain cold, with corn at a standstill.

INCREASED SUPPLY OF FEED

Increase in Production of Hay Is Recommended by the Department of Agriculture.

The United States department of agriculture recommends an increase of 25 per cent in the production of hay, so as to maintain an increase, if possible, in the supply of live stock. The production of hay in 1918 was only 90,000,000 tons, as compared with 98,000,000 tons in 1917 and 111,000,-000 tons in 1916.

Feed for Milk Cows.

Milking cows require generous feeding, otherwise the yield will fall very rapidly.

Spraying Essential for Potatoes. Spraying potatoes is not only profitable but is essential to a continuance in the business of potato growing.

Care of the Breed Sow. It is doubtful if any phase of the hoys' pig club work merits more serious attention than that of the proper care of the sow at farrowing time.