

### GRASS IMPORTED FOR ARID LANDS BOON TO FARMS

WASHINGTON (UP)—Because of its value as a forage crop that will regrow arid land of low value, demand for crested wheat grass seed exceeds the supply, according to a report from the department of agriculture.

The grass was introduced into this country from the dry plains of Siberia. The unusual demand for seed was attributed to several causes. The

excellent way in which the grass came back last year after two years of drought, its value for hay and pasture, and the comparative ease with which it can be harvested and planted have proven its value to the farmer, the department says.

The agriculture department is co-operating with experimental stations in Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas and other northwestern states in comparison to this grass with brome, native and other grasses.

Experiments made at Judith Basin, Mont., have disclosed that cattle pastured on fewer acres of crested wheatgrass than of brome or native grass. Wheatgrass lasted 141 days as compared with 125 days for brome and 55 days for native grass. The average gain per steer in pounds was 291 for wheatgrass, 249 for brome and 114 for native grass. Similar results were obtained at other stations.

The grass appears two or four weeks earlier than native grass in the spring, and lasts four to six weeks longer in the fall, if moisture conditions are favorable. It makes hay of a higher quality, is a good seed producer, and is an excellent grass to use in rotation, especially as a sod crop for flax.

The grass was planted at Mandan in the spring of 1915, the first planting of this type of grass known at this time. The twentieth harvest was made this year with a yield of 2,121 pounds of air-dried hay per acre. Rust was prevalent throughout the area and many grasses were badly infected. But no trace of rust has ever been found in crested wheat grass.

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### Menus of the Day

By MRS. ALEXANDER GEORGE  
Saturday Night in New England.  
Saturday night is "baked bean and brown bread time" in New England, and this tradition has spread its influence all over the country.

**Baked Beans**  
Boston Brown Bread  
Pickle Relish  
Apple Dumplings Cream  
Coffee

**Baked Beans.**  
4 cups beans  
Water  
1½ teaspoons salt  
½ pound salt pork, diced  
3 tablespoons sugar  
½ cup molasses  
½ teaspoon dry mustard  
½ teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon chopped onion  
Bean stock  
Wash beans and cover by 6 inches with cold water. Let stand over night. In the morning drain, rinse and cover by 3 inches with water, add salt and cook slowly until beans are soft. Be careful not to overcook. Drain and reserve stock. Place layer of beans in bottom of bean pot or casserole, add portions of rest of ingredients, add more beans and rest of ingredients. Have top layer of beans, add stock to cover beans. Add lid and bake six hours in very slow oven. Inspect and add more stock or boiling water if beans become dry. Remove lid and bake 45 minutes to brown top.

**Boston Brown Bread.**  
1 cup cornmeal  
1 cup Graham flour  
1 cup flour  
2 teaspoons soda.

1 teaspoon salt  
2-3 cup molasses  
1 2-3 cup sour milk  
Mix ingredients and half fill greased molds (pound coffee cans are fine). Cover and steam 3 hours. Unmold and serve warm.

**AN EXTRA RECIPE**  
Stewed Prunes, Chilled.  
1 cup dried prunes  
1½ cups water  
¼ cup sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
¼ cup orange juice  
Wash prunes, add water and soak 4 hours. Simmer 1 hour in covered pan in same water. Add rest of ingredients. Cool and chill.

Dispatches from Sao Luiz, capital of the northern state of Maranhao, Brazil, say diamond mines have been discovered in the interior.

### Fern Valley

FERN VALLEY, Feb. 21—(Sp.)—After quite a siege of the measles most of the children are returning to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward left Saturday for a two weeks' trip to southern California. Mrs. Ward has relatives and friends at Bakersfield. They intend visiting in San Diego also.

Mrs. Joe Kantor, Jr. received an announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webber of Derby of the arrival of a baby boy named William Oliver on February 18. Mrs. Webber is Mrs. Kantor's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, Ruth, Murie, Norman and Gordon Williams were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams at a birthday

dinner for Miss Arliss Williams Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steele, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hughes and T. R. Hughes were among those attending the musical at the Baldwin studio in Medford Saturday evening. Harle Lee Wilson, young 8-year-old violinist, from Ashland, took first place. He is the grandson of Harley Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Towns and daughter from Portland were here looking over their place last week. They own the place formerly owned by Dewita.

Donald Wheeler of Medford was a supper guest at Hughes' Tuesday evening.

Will Gentry of Medford is considering renting the Towns orchard. He was up Sunday looking the place over. Mrs. Gentry was up the first of the week looking at the house. Mr. Gentry is doing quite a bit of improving on his place.

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