



"Wal, Poopout, ol' boy, we ain't been doing our job again!"

Pasture Rotation Brings Promise Of 1000 Lb. Beef Yield Per Acre

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A thousand pounds of beef per acre? Sounds impossible.

This could be compared with the situation a number of years back when animal experts were talking about "a ton of pork per sow" in the swine industry. Then the idea seemed radical. Today it's common practice.

Perhaps today a thousand pounds of beef sounds impractical, but let's consider the facts:

Common practice among the farming fraternity is the relegating of pasture lands to the poorer portions of the farm. We planted pastures there because nothing else would do very well anyhow.

But is that the best pasture practice?

We've got farmers in the Klamath Basin today who are producing 700 to 800 pounds of beef per acre. Pastures operated by Louie Lyon of Malin have shown yields of 800 to 850 pounds of beef. Plans are made to increase the fertilizer rates and alter management with the aim of over 1000 pound yields on these mature pastures. Figures show that the Scott McKendree pastures here in the valley have yielded 800 pounds per acre in a five to six month pasture season.

FURTHER
And every indication shows it's possible to increase these yields still further.

Pastures, as a cash crop, fit into a diversified program. They can be made to produce right along with our higher cash income crops—spuds, clover and grain. And at the same time, it isn't necessary to become a cattleman, either, requiring a large breeding herd and equipment.

Under this type of program, such points as good land, irrigation, fertilization and rotation are extremely important.

Good land supporting irrigated pastures will produce a maximum yield for the cash crop program; at the same time, pastures can

build up depleted soils planted repeatedly for years in potatoes and grain.

Irrigation of pastures is too often neglected. It should be thorough and frequent, standing water on pastures will stunt the growth. A regular schedule of irrigation is the best idea.

INFINITE

The upper limits of fertilization have yet to be reached. We do

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Bred Gilt Sale Set Friday

The third annual Bred Gilt Sale is scheduled to start off this Friday at 1 p. m. in the auction ring at the Fairgrounds with Bob Rhodes as auctioneer.

Slated for the ring are Herefords, Berkshires, Hampshires, Durocs, Poland Chinas, Spotted Poland and Chester Whites, according to Ben Newell, sale manager.

Catalogs are available at the County Agent's office.

Cow Palace Dates Junior Grand Nat'l

With entry forms pouring in from Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members, all indications point toward one of the finest shows in the history of the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition. It was announced by Porter Senon, President of the San Francisco Cow Palace Board of Directors.

The Junior Grand National, the nation's largest livestock exposition devoted exclusively to Future Farmers and 4-H Club members will be held at the Cow Palace April 5-10 inclusive.

Daniel W. Danielson, Livestock Superintendent, announces a new plan of conduct for the traditional showmanship contests which is one of the most popular features of the Junior Grand National. Judges unknown to the exhibitors will be watching them as they show their entries in the regular classes. From these will be selected a group who show enough ability to receive a ribbon upon which is imprinted "Qualified Showman."

know we can invest much more in fertilizer for pasture and still realize a substantial profit. Rates as high as 500 pounds of fertilizer per acre have been found to give maximum yields in some areas. Even higher rates prove to be a paying proposition.

Rotation of pasture grazing areas is one of the most important steps in management. For instance, a 40 acre field could be divided into four 10 acre sections. All the cattle are grazed in one section at a time, while the other sections have been irrigated, fertilized, and rested and are in progressive stages or regrowth.

The cattle will uniformly graze each section without some plants becoming old, bunched and unpalatable. The animals' appetite and interest is kept up by moving to a new piece frequently. As a herd is moved to a new section the renovation process is immediately repeated in rotation.

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A cattle "crop", unlike row crops isn't damaged by a frosty night in June which sometimes flattens spud fields. Rain won't stop a pasture harvest, but it will hay or clover harvest. Transient labor and expensive machinery are not necessary for getting the "crop" in. These are all points to advantage of a good pasture crop.

Let's manage our pastures . . . as intensively as we would a high producing crop of potatoes or clover.

A thousand pounds of beef impossible? Not the way I see it!

PMA Adds Practices

A "continuing" feature has been added to the state agricultural conservation program, announces E. Harvey Miller, state production and marketing administration committee chairman.

Provisions were added late last year making it possible for county PMA committees to start their program year in October for certain practices. Heretofore, the program has been carried out on a calendar year basis. By receiving prior approval, farmer may now start per- manent type practices in the fall and carry them through to conclusion without danger of losing assistance.

Formerly, Miller explains, fall practices suffered. County allocations of funds were frequently exhausted early in the year making it impossible for county committees to offer assistance on practices normally started during fall months. The fact that county ACP books had to be closed at year end made the carryover feature impossible whether funds were spent or not.

By strengthening the program in this way, farmers with prior approval from their local PMA committee will be able to start such permanent farm improvements as tile installations. Where specifications are met, assistance will be guaranteed by the county committee from ear-marked funds.

In Western Oregon, the new feature is expected to encourage practices where earth moving is required. It is during the fall period when heavy equipment, normally used in the woods or in other construction work is available to farmers on a short-time basis. Drainage improvements will be materially stopped up, Miller believes.

GREEK GENERAL DEAD

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Gen. Theodoros Pangalos, 73, who was military dictator of Greece in 1926 with powers which even included shortening women's skirts by two inches, died Wednesday in an Athens suburb.

Herald and News FARM NEWS



USDA Blamed In Mistakes

Farmers in many parts of the country are complaining that USDA crop reports need improvement, according to the March issue of Country Gentleman.

Livestock Exchange points out the government was "several millions off" on the 1951 pig estimates, and cotton growers are upset because the government was "long" on the cotton crop by nearly 2,000,000 bales, which hurt the price.

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