

Marl and Lime

Alfalfa has continued to prove that it is one of the best drought resisting crops and at the same time it is a valuable crop for the dairy farmer.

In spite of the large amount of lime and marl that has been produced in the last few years there is considerable land yet to be limed and it has been important that liming materials be continued to be made available for those persons who wish to fit soil for alfalfa growing.

The W.P.A. lime and marl program was discontinued in Waupaca County on February 15, 1937. Since that time lime and marl production and distribution has been continued on a private set-up.

Continued work has been done to encourage the use of lime and marl and co-operate with the organizations producing lime so that farmers in the County would be able to secure the liming material they need.

Continued work is planned on this project with the possibility of setting up soil testing stations throughout the County next year where farmers can bring in their soil and see it tested as they wait.

Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Since the original timber has been cut off a number of fields in the light soil areas have been exposed to wind damage. The reduction in the number of trees in the County has also exposed farm buildings to cold winds.

Through the windbreak and shelterbelt planting program it is hoped that protection can be given fields that need it and also provide windbreaks for farm buildings to protect them against cold winds and perhaps control the drifting of snow in farm yards.

62,000 trees were distributed during the past year for windbreak and shelterbelt planting. We have now orders for 29,000 Norway Spruce trees that will be used for this purpose when they are distributed next spring.

In addition, there will be further trees available through the Wisconsin Conservation Department for distribution next spring under the same plan that we secured the trees during the past year.

It is hoped that in a few years time windbreaks and shelterbelts will be planted in all places where this protection is needed.