Pep For Your Old Pastures

By G. B. Mortimer Wisconsin College of Agriculture GIVE new life to the old permanent pasture and it produces rich, cheap feed for four or five months of the year. Think of it . . . low feeding costs for five months!

Improved permanent pastures supply protein at a much lower cost than grain. Let's take advantage of the difference.

When there's plenty of plant food in the soil and the turf is worn and thin, reseeding changes your old permanent pasture into a thick green carpet. It's the simplest way to pep up many pastures and put them on a profitable basis.

The following method is a splendid way to reseed your permanent pasture:

- 1. Be sure your soil can support the catch. This means phosphate and perhaps lime and potash.
- 2. Reseed only worn and thin old pastures.
- 3. Sow inoculated seed early in March right on top of the pasture. A mixture of 2 pounds of white clover, 5 pounds of alsike, and 4 or 5 pounds of red clover to the acre gives excellent results.
- Keep your cattle off most of the time until the catch has become established, up to midsummer.

Where this method of reseeding has been followed, I have seen thin, worn out pastures become regular clover meadows, so successful was the catch. It is responsible for a 57% increase in the yield on some pastures on the Station farm. Try it.

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