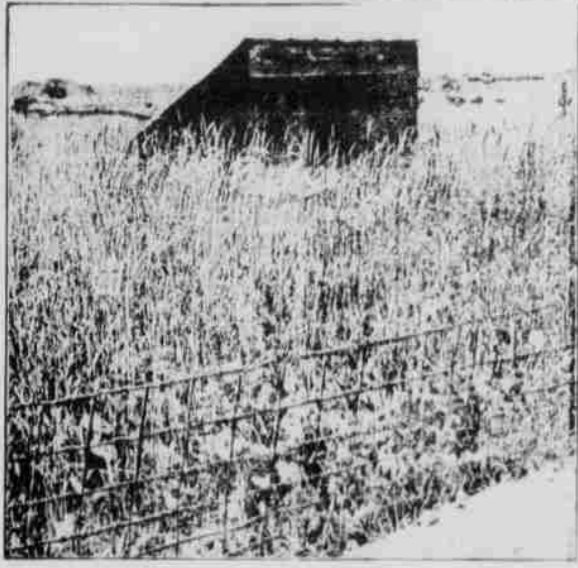


RAPE MAKES EXCELLENT PASTURE FOR HOGS



AN ACRE OF RAPE AND RYE.

When sown in September, or earlier, an acre of this kind of pasture affords, on the average, grazing for six 100-pound fattening pigs from the middle of October to May, provided a half ration of grain is used as a supplement.

By C. B. WILLIAMS, Chief Division of Agronomy, N. C. Experiment Station, West Hargett.

The rape plant closely resembles the rutabaga during its early stages of growth; in fact, so close is this resemblance that often an experienced grower cannot distinguish between them. The root system, however, is more like that of the rutabaga. It likes cool weather and will grow during any portion of the year after severe freezing weather is passed. It will endure pretty severe cold weather in the fall and winter without being materially injured. In fact, it may be used for pasturage after being frozen provided stock are kept off while it is frozen. It does not make much growth during the hot, dry months of mid-summer. Under ordinary conditions the plants will attain a height of 18 inches to 2 feet or more. The Dwarf Essex variety of the crop is best suited for use under Southern conditions.

Possibilities of the Crop.

Farmers are becoming more and more interested in the production of green crops for fall, winter and early spring grazing. Especially is this true of those who are engaged in the raising of hogs and poultry. For winter pasturage an acre or two of this crop will supply many tons of nutritious feed at the time of the year when green feeds are scarce. It has been fully demonstrated by repeated trials that an acre of rape properly sown as much pork when used as a hog pasture as the same acre of land cultivated in corn. The rape can be grown much cheaper than the corn, as it will not require any cultivation, and the preparation of the seed-bed and sowing will be about the same for both. The hogs will harvest the rape crop, while the corn must be harvested by the farmer himself. It should be remembered, however, that the average of rape that can be profitably utilized for pasturage on the average farm is limited. Usually not being more than two or three acres.

In feeding experiments at the Alabama Station running for 147 days (November 3 to April 2), with pigs weighing approximately 45 pounds each at the beginning of the experiment, it was found that the two lots of pigs fed on a ration of two parts of corn and one part of wheat shorts and allowed the use of a rape pasture during the period produced pork on an average of 344 per cent less cost per pound counting the cost of providing the rape pasture than did another lot fed on the same ration and confined in dry lots. In other words, the lots fattened on rape pasture, supplemented with the necessary amount of the ration of corn and wheat shorts, made very satisfactory profit while the lot fattened on the ration of corn and wheat shorts alone in dry lots afforded little or no profit.

Soil and its Preparation.

Rape is best adapted for growth on a deep rich mellow loamy soil that is fairly well stored with humus. It does not do well on the very light sandy or stiff clay soils because they are deficient in organic matter. Any soil that will produce wheat and corn well will be found suited for the growth of rape in preparing the land, it should be well broken then thoroughly harrowed into a fine clean seed bed as is usually done for turkeys or rutabagas. If the land has a liberal application of manure the previous year, so much the better. On average land it will be well to apply broadcast over the land just before breaking and before harrowing about 50 to 60 pounds per acre of a fertilizer containing 8 to 10 per cent potash, and 4 to 4 per cent nitrogen.

Seeding.

For the Coastal Plain and Piedmont sections, the spring seeding may be made during March or early in April, and the fall seeding any time between August 20 and October 15. In the mountain section the spring seeding will have to be made in April and the fall seeding during the latter part of July or early in August in order to get best results. The rape seed may be sown broadcast or in rows.

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