

FALL IRISH POTATOES.

It is about time to begin thinking about those Fall Irish potatoes if you are going to plant them, and the Lookout Mountain is especially recommended. These potatoes should be planted during the last half of July. Rich loose, reasonably moist, but well drained soil is best for your potatoes. Use more care as to the kind of fertilizer, than the amount. Commercial fertilizer such as is used for cotton or corn, possibly increasing the potash a little and decreasing the nitrogen a little. The fertilizer should be well mixed with the soil, to prevent it from burning the potatoes. Stable manure if not well rotted will cause the potatoes to be rough and scabby.

It is better to cut the potatoes in larger pieces than in the spring on account of the dry hot summer weather and plow the land at least 6 or 8 inches deep. Cutting potatoes just before plowing to keep them from dying out and planting right after the plow; giving the potatoes advantage of the moist soil and pressing them in with your hand or foot will make the soil firm around the potato and give you a better stand.

See That Your Bees Have Plenty of Ventilation.

If the bees cluster on the outside of the hive, it is nearly always a rule that they haven't the proper ventilation or are too crowded. To remedy this put on a super with full sheets of foundation, or slightly raise the hive off the bottom board with little blocks to give the bees plenty of air. The new honey is better protected from the hot sun if the hive is in the shade.

THE ALFALFA PLOT.

If you are planning for an Alfalfa Plot to be planted this fall, now is the time to prepare the soil, and the secret of successful alfalfa growing in South Carolina is the preparing of the land before planting.

In South Carolina we have the following obstacles to overcome to successfully grow alfalfa, as stated by R. W. Hamilton, extension Agronomist: (1) insufficient lime (2) insufficient organic matter (3) lack of inoculation (4) shallow topsoil (5) noxious weeds and grasses

An efficient way to overcome these obstacles is growing legumes, which will help to furnish te inoculation and organic

matter. Lime and Phosphoric acid should be used on the legume and stable manure if any is used. In this way you will get your land supplies with lime, organic matter and mineral matter and if the land is plowed deep the plot is in good condition for alfalfa.

We have several nice alfalfa plots around Landrum and when the plots were judged recently, the obstacle of the lack of preparation and inoculation and minerals was very prevalent. Alfalfa is really a special crop with us and it requires special information and special work and care and if you are not really going to be a specialist, growing alfalfa is not going to be a paying proposition here.

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CLOVER HINTS

White Sweet Clover.
White sweet clover can be grown in this county as has been shown by the stand of clover in the County Court House yard at Columbus. A peculiarity of that particular patch of clover is the fact that the land is considered to be poor. J. R. Sams stated that he planted the white clover for two purposes, first to enrich the earth in the court house square for the future Blue grass and Dutch clover lawn second to prove to the farmers of Polk County that white sweet clover would grow even in the poorest of soil.

"If all of the farmers of this county would grow a little of this particular clover, the bees would be hard put to it to gather all of the honey crop," stated Mr. Sams.

Indubitably. The best way to silence conscience is to obey its dictates.—Boston Evening Transcript.



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