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WHAT ABOUT THE PASTURES?

AT this season the pastures should be green and luxuriant and the cows, the colts, the pigs,—all the farm animals except the hard-working horses—should be living a life of ease and contentment, having no care except to eat and make money for their owner.

Pity the farmer without a good pasture these days. He is the man who is not going to find livestock farming profitable. He simply cannot, because good pastures are the very foundation of successful stock-raising.

All our readers, we trust then, have good pastures now with leisurely-moving cows and frisky calves and riotous colts and plumply-developing pigs on them, growing into money with a minimum of care and expense on the farmer's part.

We wonder, however, if all these farmers have made provision for the later summer days, for the hot dry August and September we so often have, when the springtime freshness is all gone from the fields and the pastures are likely to be brown and dry. If anyone has neglected this, it is time for him to look to it right away. To be sure, Bermuda, lespedeza, white clover and other of our pasture plants often give an abundant supply of grazing right through the season; but it will not do to depend altogether on these.

It will pay the farmer to plant a patch of sorghum or late corn to feed the cows if the pastures dry up next fall; and on every farm there should be coming on cowpeas, soy beans, peanuts, sweet potatoes or other pasture crops to fatten the pigs. Hogs will seldom get fat on grass alone; they need more nutritious and more succulent feeds than the grasses of late summer and fall. There is no time to lose now if these are to be provided. Remember, it is never economy to "economize" on pasture crops.



COMFORT FOR THE HOT DAYS

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