

SAVE FEED NOW, AND PLANT FEED CROPS.

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## Are You Going to Buy Feed or Fertilizers Next Spring?

**M**OST readers will buy fertilizers; all too many we fear will buy feed. We do not object to your buying fertilizers. If bought with judgment, they will add to your profits. We do object, however, to the buying of feeds for their livestock by Southern farmers; and also to the buying of plant food they could get for nothing. It is going to go hard with the man who has to buy corn and hay next spring; for the prices are going to be "way up yonder." It goes hard with any man at any time to have to buy nitrogen so that he can make decent yields of corn and cotton. In this issue we have tried to tell you how to avoid both these unnecessary expenditures.



A VIRGINIA SOY BEAN FIELD—A GOOD YIELD OF FINE FEED.

First, as to fertilizer bills. You can be either gathering or saving nitrogen every day this winter, if you will only do it. Nitrogen costs twenty cents a pound often; so it will pay you to do it, especially as it requires no exertion on your part after the first great effort. You know how it is done, because we have told you about it so much you may be tired hearing of it. Plant cover crops on your bare lands; that's all. Crimson clover, bur clover, vetch, rye,—there are plenty of crops to plant.

Next, and chiefly, as to the feed crops. Same plan; same crops. The crops you plant for winter cover will give you a lot of feed if you need it; the crops you plant now for feed will protect your land during the winter. Plant all of the crops we have mentioned and more—oats, wheat, rape, turnips, not forgetting a patch of alfalfa if you have prepared for it, and a permanent pasture.

Friends, you may think we write a lot about and insist almost unreasonably upon these matters of winter cover crops and an abundance of feed; but it is as certain as can be that the soils of the South cannot be made and kept fertile if they are left bare during the winters, and that until you grow your own feeds you cannot develop a respectable livestock industry.

These two things, in short, are at the very basis of profitable agriculture here in the South; and until more attention is paid to them Southern fields will continue to wear out and the poverty-stricken "cropper" will be here to depress the price of cotton every fall.

Read the various articles on the planting of winter crops in this issue; and then get out into your fields and get ready to have the green stuff growing on them this winter. You will not regret it next spring.

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