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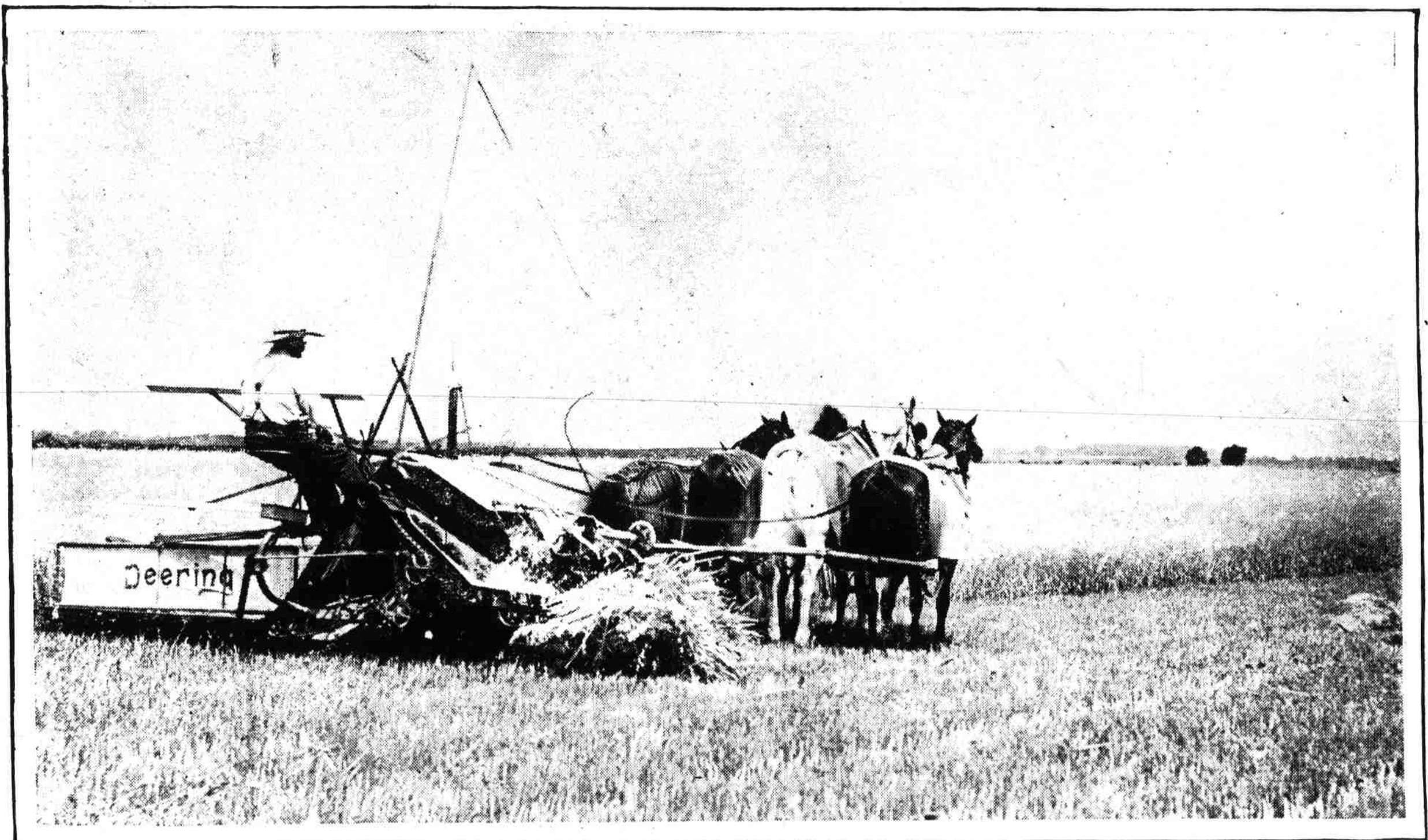
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## BE SURE TO SOW OATS THIS FALL



WHEN PROPERLY HANDLED OATS MAY BE MADE ONE OF OUR MOST PROFITABLE CROPS

**A**S the season for sowing oats is, in most sections of the South, at hand, we wish to emphasize particularly three reasons why Progressive Farmer readers should arrange to sow during the early fall months, a liberal acreage of this profitable crop.

First of all, adverse seasons in many sections have made it fairly certain that our corn crop will be short; and at the same time the European war has made it very probable that next spring feeds of all kinds will be high-priced. With cheap cotton and expensive corn, the man who has to buy feed next spring will be in hard straits indeed. It is, in fact, difficult to see how such a man can afford not to plant liberally of fall grain.

Our second reason is that fall oats, when put in properly and followed with a leguminous hay crop, have almost uniformly proved profitable, while oats sown in late winter or early spring have seldom been found to pay. With the new open-furrow drills that are now to be had, we can safely say that fall-sown oats may, without

great danger of winter killing, be planted in all parts of the Cotton Belt, and that yields from oats so sown may be counted upon to average double oats sown in February or March. This fact has been amply demonstrated by many of our Southern experiment stations, and is in line with the experience of our most successful oat growers.

The third reason we wish to emphasize is this: If the present war is long continued there will probably be much talk and speculation regarding crops to take the place of cheap cotton. For such a crop, bearing in mind its cheapness of production and quick returns, oats, followed by cow-peas, soy beans, or lespedeza, are unexcelled.

In view of the present situation, no farmer worthy of the name can afford to buy feed to grow cheap cotton. In fact, it will in many cases be well to plant cash crops other than cotton. As such a crop oats and hay are worthy of the most careful consideration.

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