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## Forage Crops Give Southern Farmers Edge in Hog Raising

**T**HE South will become a great hog-growing section, not by reason of its big crops of corn, important as they are, but because it can grow a variety of forage crops throughout the year that, supplemented with small amounts of grain, will produce pork at a lower cost than it can be produced anywhere else in the United States. Forage crops give the Southern farmer the edge—the underhold in the hog-raising game.

This will be more keenly realized when normal conditions force the Southern farmer to grow his hogs in competition with those grown in the Corn Belt. The forage-crop pig takes care of himself in making his growth and will sell at a profit as a feeder, or, finished on a field of corn and beans, can meet the competition in the markets of the most efficiently fed hog from commercial feeding plants. He may not top the market as often but he has led a much less expensive life and will net his owner a better profit.

With rye, oats and vetch, bur clover, crimson clover and rape for the hogs to graze in winter and spring; oats, Bermuda grass, sorghum, cowpeas, lespedeza and other crops in summer; corn and soy beans, sweet potatoes, peanuts, cowpeas, sorghum, Bermuda grass, bur clover and rape in the fall; with alfalfa almost all the year, and with a grazing season lasting through the full twelve months, the farmer who plans and plants a succession of these crops and grazes his hogs systematically, who keeps disease out of his herd by vaccination and sanitation and who markets his hogs co-operatively or in carlots, will find pork production one of the farm enterprises on which he can depend for a quick, profitable income.

Make the most of the advantages nature has given you. Start your hog crops now. You will find all necessary information in this issue of *The Progressive Farmer* to enable you to make a success of raising forage-crop hogs.