

Gives Pointers On How To Have Good Pastures

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Good pastures are absolutely necessary for the production of livestock on a profitable basis.

Have you ordered your lime and phosphate for your pasture? Don't make the mistake of doubling back on your crop-land with your lime and phosphate and leave your pasture out.

Try to apply your lime at the rate of one ton per acre, and your phosphate at the rate of three to four hundred pounds per acre. Phosphate should never be applied to any land before it has been limed.

Pastures that are not seeded during April should not be seeded until August or September.

Now is the time to seed your thin pastures with 25 to 30 pounds of lespedeza per acre. On better land, a mixture should be used of six pounds blue grass, six pounds herds grass, 12 pounds orchard grass, one pound Ladino clover, and five pounds lespedeza.

Keep your cattle off your permanent pasture until it gets a good start. Many pastures are ruined and never furnish the grazing that they could just because they never have a chance. If the grasses are permitted to grow and form a sod, the land will not get so hot and the grass will not burn out so badly during the hot months.

Build up your pastures, increase your profits, and cut down on your labor.

ENLOES MAKING DAIRY FARMING PAY DIVIDENDS

Grade A Barn, Equipment Paid For From One Year's Receipts

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On a recent visit to the unit demonstration farm of R. C. and Turner Enloe, in Cartoogechaye township, many outstanding results of their farming operations were noted.

The Enloe brothers have long been leading farmers in their township and in Macon county, and have taken the lead in demonstrating the value of the use of liming and phosphating materials on legumes and grasses, good cover crops to conserve the nitrogen and soil, good rotation of legumes with row crops, improvement of pasture, improvement of home conveniences, and the construction of an 80-ton silo, which is very necessary in cheap production of either beef or milk. One of the greatest changes they have made, however, is their recent change in type of farming which has enabled them to increase their cash income considerably.

Until the first of January,

1945, the Enloe brothers had followed a more or less general type of farming, with emphasis placed on raising grade beef cattle. At the beginning of 1945, they decided to change their main endeavor on the farm from beef cattle to dairy cattle.

They decided that they would build a Grade A dairy barn and sell Grade A milk. They began disposing of their beef cattle and purchasing good grade milk cows. They did not get their barn ready for use until April of 1945. However, they sold manufacturing, or Grade C, milk up until that time.

The Enloe brothers constructed a modern 12-cow milking barn with sanitary milk room. This barn was built at a total cost of \$999. They sold \$1,400 worth of wood, logs, and lumber from their farm, which more than paid the cost of the barn. They have equipped their barn with all modern equipment, including electric refrigeration, hot water heater, milking machine, and electric heaters to make the barn comfortable during the winter months. The total cost of this equipment was \$924. The Enloe brothers say that their total cost for the construction and equipping of this modern barn was approximately \$2,000.

They milked an average of about 15 cows during the year of 1945, and from this number sold \$3,428 worth of milk. During the year they bought \$600 worth of feed—this was primar-

ily cottonseed meal, as they raised an ample supply of corn, hay, silage, small grain and pasture for their farm for their needs. The cost of barn, equipment, and feed purchased amounted to \$2,600, giving them a profit of approximately \$800. The best month of the year was during December, when they sold \$436.63 worth of milk from 17 cows.

In producing milk for the Grade A market, it is extremely important that milk of good flavor and quality be produced. This can be done only by careful and particular sanitary methods day after day. W. F. Hart, the sanitary inspector for this county, says that the Enloe brothers are doing one of the best jobs in producing good, clean, high quality milk. Anywhere in North Carolina, "As yet, I have been unable to find one thing in their method of handling their milk and milking operation that would enable me to make even one degrading mark against their records." As a result of this sanitary care, the Enloes are producing milk of the very highest quality and flavor, low in sediment test, and very low in bacterial count.

They have already increased their herd to 19 cows since December 1945, and plan to build it up to about 24 milking cows. They feel that they can really make a nice profit in 1946, as the initial cost of the barn and equipment is paid for from receipts taken in 1945. Their only expense in 1946 will be feed, an occasional cow, and miscellaneous expenses that arise from time to time.

Urges

Gardening This Year As Aid To Starving

Growing a garden—whether it be a town backyard or on the farm—is considered by the Famine Emergency Food committee as one of the most important parts of the entire Emergency Food program. Robert Fulton, AAA chairman and manager of the emergency program in Macon county, said this week. He urged the planting of Victory gardens in 1946 to increase the food supply, and permit greater shipment of food items so critically needed by starving people of Europe and Asia.

"These people are victims of



ANOTHER FARM BOY and his calf are shown above, with the business man who purchased the animal, a registered Guernsey heifer. The boy is Tom Cabe, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cabe, of the Rabbit Creek-Cat Creek section, A. R. Higdon, of the Franklin Hardware company, is the sponsor. The calf, Prim Carol's Greta, registration No. 931706, was sired by Quail Roost Prim Carol. Lad's Daisy Gail is the dam. The calf, a year old March 23, came from the Herndon farm near Kings Mountain.

invasion. Their harvest season is four months hence, and in many sections of Europe, agriculture has been damaged by the worst drought in a century", Mr. Fulton said.

"In releasing more wheat, fats, oils, and other needed foods for shipment to these starving people, Victory gardens will help immeasurably in making good these commitments; assuring adequate supplies here at home; and in reducing the overload on transportation facilities."

In view of a possible shortage of tin and steel that may

limit the commercial production of certain canned foods, Mr. Fulton recommended careful planning of the garden to assure fresh vegetables during the summer months and extra amounts for canning for family winter stocks.

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