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HOW WE MAY INCREASE SOIL FERTILITY.

MISTAKES THAT WE HAVE MADE IN COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER PLANNERS

We Must Co-Operate With Nature. There is, perhaps, no question of greater importance to the farmers of our State than that of soil fertility.

The fertility of the soil would remain practically unchanged if all the ingredients removed in the various farm products were restored to the land. Many farmers of this State have tried to do this by the use of commercial fertilizers but instead of improving the soil they have greatly depleted it. Commercial fertilizers have been one of the greatest injuries the farmers have ever had. They have planted but one crop, mainly cotton, and used commercial fertilizers to keep this crop up to the maximum until the soil has, by the growing of only one crop, become hard and caked and devoid of humus, the most needed cement for plant growth. The land fails longer to produce paying crops and is considered "worn out."

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS ALONE ARE NOT QUITE ENOUGH.

Such has been the method of farming through the middle section of the state for many years. Such lands as these cannot be brought up to a state of productivity by the use of commercial fertilizers alone. And even if it could be done it would be so expensive that the average farmer would have to leave his farm unimproved, and go to the town or city to work in a factory. Because he has not the money with which to purchase such a vast amount of fertilizers. It is impossible for a man to bring up the soil of a worn-out cotton field to produce profitable crops by the use of commercial fertilizers alone, because, in most cases they seek to make all the plant food available. This soon robs the soil of its fertility and puts it in a barren and unprofitable state.

GROW YOUR OWN NITROGEN.

Nitrogen is by far the most costly of fertilizer ingredients, and yet it can be secured cheaper than any other if proper rotation of crops is practiced. This may be done by putting crimson clover or cow peas in the crop rotation. Either of these crops will add much nitrogen to the soil through the tubercles on the plant roots, but the cow pea is preferable, as it makes a rank growth even if put on poor land but much more will be added if the plants are ploughed under green. This, however, is not advised where the farmer has a sufficient number of cattle to eat his hay, for the excrement would contain most of the fertilizing value of the hay and at the same time make a finished product out of the hay which always brings the greater profit.

CROP ROTATION.

These farmers must learn, sooner or later, that soil fertility cannot be maintained, if the land is planted in the same crop each year, and receives nothing but commercial fertilizers. Why not rotate crops and raise beef and dairy cattle and swine and quit raising all cotton and of any other one thing?

LEARN A LESSON FROM NATURE.

Look how nature builds up the worn-out fields! The first thing she does is to cover the soil with some plant growth to protect it from the direct light of the sun and make it less susceptible to washing away. Then look how nature continues to improve the soil, by growing the plant and then letting another taking its place, and each succeeding generation going through the same cycle until the land is covered with decaying vegetable matter, which slowly brings back the soil's fertility.

Then, why may not every farmer in North Carolina assist nature in bringing back the soil fertility to the worn and unproductive fields? By the use of the cheaper commercial fertilizers—potash and phosphoric acid—applied to some leguminous crop, such as cow peas, it can be done at a small cost.

Farmers let's wake up and put forth an effort to make North Carolina one of the leading States in the Union in agriculture. North Carolina's soils are as good as those of any other State and need only to be treated in a rational and up-to-date manner to make them yield profitable returns. —J. C. LEAVES, A. and M. College, N. C. in Progressive Farmer.

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And read life's meaning in each other's eyes.
And two shall walk some narrow way of life
So closely side by side, that should one turn
Ever so little space to left or right,
They needs must stand acknowledged face to face:
Yet there, with groping hands that never clasp,
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