Pastures sown now have better chance of surviving the winter

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Permanent pasture seeding time is here. The earlier the seed is put in now, the better chance of surviving the winter kill.

Ladino clover is still the best perennial grazing legume available to us. Use Oregon certified seed at the rate of two lbs. per acre.

Then comes the question of whether to use orchard grass or fescue mixed with ladino clover. If orchard grass is indicated, seriously consider using the new Potomac variety which we have tried in the county for several years, and it is definitely worth the extra money it costs. Use 12 lbs. per acre in the mixture.

Tall fescue is considered by many to be the ideal grass to sow with ladino clover. It is not as palatable as orchard grass and, therefore, should not be used exclusively on dairy farms, but is recommended on beef cattle farms, and on land which is inclined to be poor or sandy.It makes a more vigorous growth than orchard grass. Use 10 to 12 lbs. per acre in the mixture.

Lime and fertilizer should be applied according to the recommendations received from a soil test, however, as a rule, most of our land needs 2 tons of lime and at least 600 lbs. of 2-12-12 fertilizer per acre at seeding.

Preparation for permanent pasture can usually be accomplished by disking with a heavy bush and bog harrow and following with a double disk harrow until the top 3 inches are thoroughly pulverized. These seed are small and should not be covered more than 1 inch with soil.
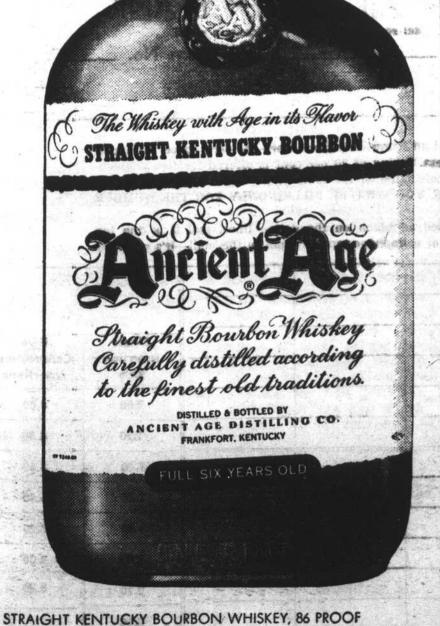
LAST CALL FOR GAS TAX REFUND

To claim the 4 cents a gallon Federal gas tax refund, applications must be in the hands of the District Director of Internal Revenue at Greensboro, N. C., by October 2, 1961. This is a reminder to check your files and be sure you have made this claim.