

Local Farmers Buying More Cleaned Pasture Seed

Reflecting the interest of farmers in pasture renovation and improvement, sales of commercially cleaned forage seed have increased sharply in Pennsylvania during the past few years. Shorter rotations, more frequent seedings, and less common use of homegrown lots are part of the picture, according to James L. Starling of the Agricultural Experiment Station, University Park.

Any decline in seed sales last year resulted from carry-over supplies, he believes.

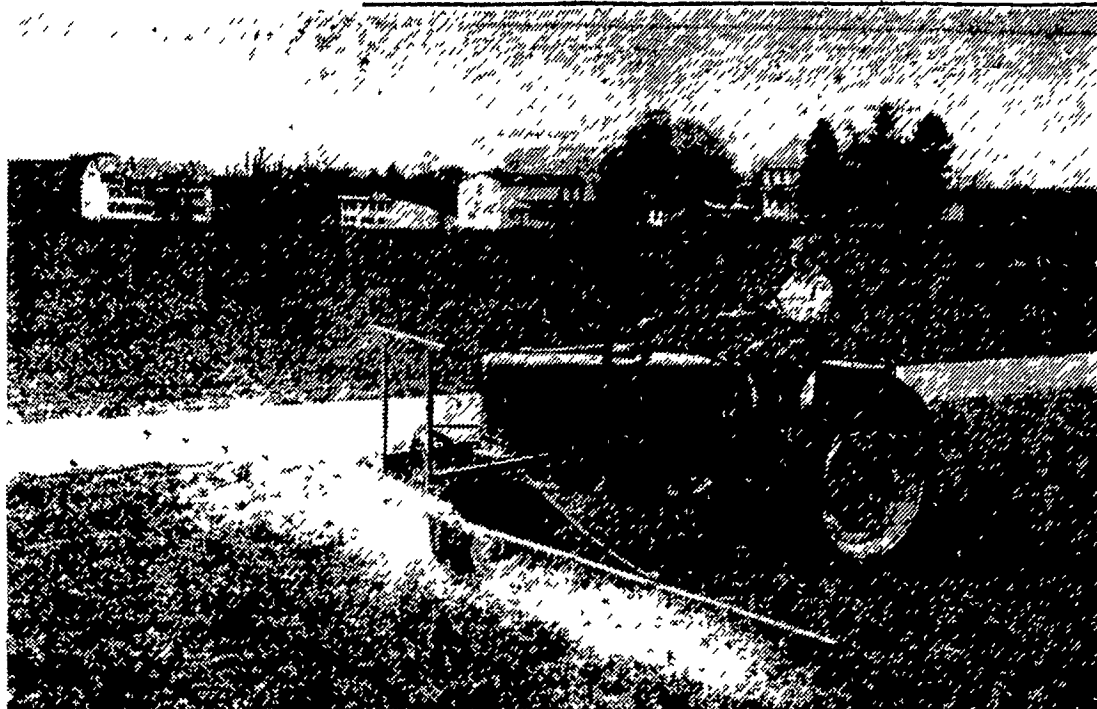
Starling's opinions are based largely on results of annual surveys of wholesale

seed dealers in the Northeast.

Alfalfa, red clover and timothy are the most commonly used forage crops in this State and comprise about 85 per cent of the total market for seed. Alfalfa seed sales rose from 2.5 million pounds in 1954 to 4.1 million pounds in 1958. At the same time red clover and timothy sales about maintained original volumes.

In contrast, sales of bird-foot trefoil seed more than doubled. Ladino clover seems to be declining in relative importance, a trend that may be felt in movement of timothy and clover seed if interest in alfalfa growing continues to develop, Dr. Starling points out.

More and more alfalfa recommended varieties is being used. Vernal and Du Puits seed comprised 30 per cent of the total market last



SINCE 1959 has started with an apparent continuation of the open winter enjoyed by Lancaster Farming through the latter stages of 1958, it might be a good time to get the equipment out and spray for weeds in your hay lands. Upland Cress and Chickweed may easily be controlled at this time of year, the Extension Service reminds. Shown here applying treatment on his farm is David Miller, Manheim R.-D. 2, as photographed by Grant Heilman, Lititz.

CARE FOR MATTRESS PROPERLY

To prolong the life of a cotton innerspring mattress, care for it properly, reminds Miss Dorothy O'Donnell, Penn State Extension home management specialist. Clean at least once a month with vacuum cleaner attachment or a soft brush to remove dust. Protect it from stains and misuse by using a cotton mattress pad.

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Scoring of our White Leghorn entry, first in the Egg Production Division, was as follows:

Egg Quality Score . . . 89.25
Hatchability Score . . . 88.3
Chick Quality Score . . . 98.0
Total Score . . . 92.47

There were 9 different entries in the White Leghorn Class. In the Miscellaneous Class, with 5 or more entries of the same breed, Burling's New Hamp's scored 84.67 points for top honors.

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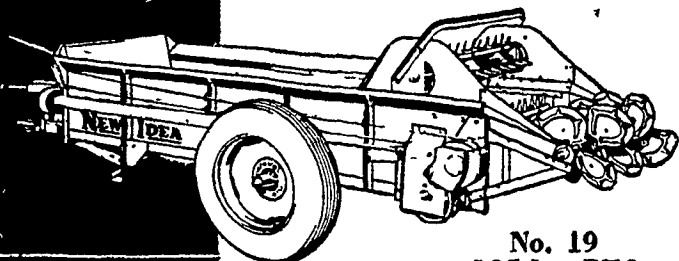
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