

For Best Results Seed Legumes Early

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The month of August is the best time to make summer seedings of alfalfa and red clover. In southeastern Pennsylvania one of the most popular times to make new seedings of alfalfa is mid-August; the dates are from Aug 10 to the 20th. Standings of red, alsike, and ladino clover may be seeded successfully during the last ten days of August.

With the mid-August seeding of alfalfa there are several important practices that should be followed for a successful stand, local producers are urged to keep the following points in mind.

Prepare a good seedbed by plowing the field several weeks in advance of the seeding, or disc several times over a month's period preceding the seeding operation. This will get a firm, fine seedbed that should be free of weeds. It is very important that the seedbed be solid rather than loose.

Use adequate lime and fertilizer according to a complete soil test, this is very important for all legumes especially alfalfa. It is practically wasting seed and labor to attempt an alfalfa seeding in sour soil. The phosphorus and potash should be worked deeply into the soil before the seeding operation; this is a much better time than to broadcast it on top later. At seeding time it is strongly recommended to use 300 to 500 pounds of a complete fertilizer (5-10-10) in order to supply plant food quickly for the new plants.

Use adapted varieties in order to obtain maximum yields of a high quality forage. There are several that will do good in Lancaster County and some of the most popular ones are Buffalo, Vernal, and Du Puits. It pays to use certified, high quality seed.

Seed at the proper time in order to get the best possible stand. Experience and research experiments have demonstrated that mid-August seedings will be more successful, do not take chances that late August or early September seeding might come through for you. The risk is too great and there have been too many failures.

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County 4-H

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division, Jean Kauffman of Drumore and Saralee Bradley of Holtwood R1, brought home the top placing with their Rock 'N Roll snack of dairy foods.

Edith Reeder, 3327 Columbia Avenue and Shirley Clark, Manheim R D, working individually were tied for first place in the foods and nutrition judging contest and Plant for Beauty test.

A second place award was won by Paul Trimble and Gerald Kreider, both of Quarryville R1, for their tractor demonstration. Each of the demonstration teams had earlier this year won the district competition at Kutztown.

In the Agriculture Judging contests, Lancaster County teams could do no better than fifth in the stiff competition. Judging teams and their placings were as follows: Dairy, fifth; Flower identification, fifth; Poultry, fifth; Swine, seventh; Livestock, eighth, and vegetable 19th.

Accompanying the nearly 40 4-H club members were Mrs. Norma DeLellis, associate Home Economist; Victor Plastow, associate County Agricultural Agent; and club leaders Mrs. Kersey Bradley and Victor Longenecker.

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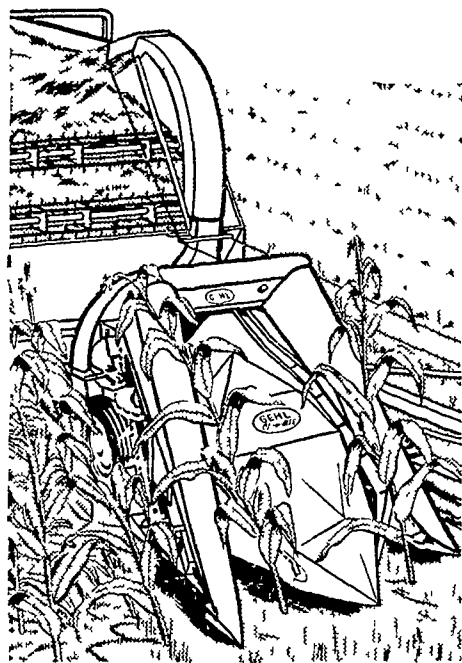
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