

## Temporary Pastures Supply More Feed Than Most Permanent Ones

While bluegrass and combinations of bluegrass with white clover and other legumes are the most common permanent pastures for dairy cows, pasture mixtures grown in the regular crop rotation such as a mixture of alfalfa and brome grass or orchard grass or a combination of ladino clover and grass, provide a much greater yield than permanent bluegrass pasture, Victor Plastow, Associate Co Agent, said this week. Still more important is the fact that they furnish good feed in midsummer, when bluegrass is often parched and brown.

The carrying capacity of pastures varies widely, depending on the soil and climate and especially on how wisely the pasture is managed. If no supplemental feed is provided for periods of drought, 1.5 to 2.5 acres of fairly good pasture should be provided per cow, but if such additional feed is furnished and the pasture is properly fertilized, the pasture allowance can be reduced to 1 acre per cow or even less. When irrigation is used on

well fertilized pastures, one may get by on 2 cows per acre throughout the season, Plastow said.

Cows on abundant pastures well fertilized pastures, one forage a day. To harvest this amount of grass with her mouth, a cow must graze several hours a day, even when the pasture is good. When the forage is scanty, she spends much more energy in grazing in an effort to get enough feed. Experimental tests show that cows spent 7.3 hours a day grazing on poor pastures, while they needed to graze only 5.6 hours on good pasture.

In supplementing scanty pastures the best way is to use for pasture the second crop on a mixed legume and grass hay field which has been cut early. Another method is to grow Sudan grass or some other annual-pasture crop for summer pasture.

Plastow reminded farmers, if you cannot provide the cows enough forage by these practices, then they should be led

## BEST FOOD BUYS Picnic Items To Be Featured

Ham and poultry will dominate the meat counter this week end says Harold Neagh, Penn State's extension consumer marketing specialist. Food markets will be geared to picnic features for next Thurs-

day's holiday. In meats, these include hams of all weights and cuts, fryers, beef steaks, small turkeys, hamburger, hot dogs, and luncheon meat.

Whole fryers will continue to wear the familiar 25-27 cent price tags of last week seen in many stores. Because of the popularity of fryers, retailers are merchandising them in every conceivable way as halves, quarters, cut-up, legs, and breasts.

A small turkey may be just the thing to fill your menu needs for this week end with planned leftovers for the early part of next week. The small fryer-roasters weighing 4 to 6 pounds generally start at 39 cents a pound.

Eggs are a better value in many markets as prices adjust downward. The large size continue to be the better buy on a per pound basis, but all

silage, hay, or green chopped forage. This is generally much more economical than to try to keep up the production by merely increasing the amount of concentrates.

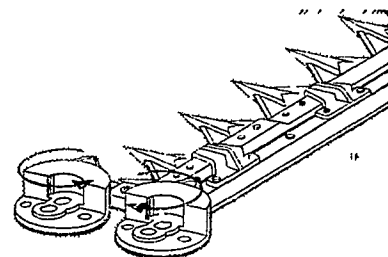
When there are enough cows in the herd to use up silage fast enough to keep it from spoiling, silage is generally a much more economical summer feed than green chopping. It green chopped roughage is fed, it should be kept in mind that it is much more watery than good corn silage and therefore it is necessary to feed considerably greater weights, Plastow said.

sizes are in the low price range. So don't forget to stock up for all those holiday needs for potato salad, deviled eggs, pies, and other goodies.

Beef prices continue to fall at wholesale, but retail prices are unchanged with a week ago except for week end specials. Lower prices will be found mostly in steaks and hindquarter boneless roasts. Pork prices are heading higher.

Next week many area stores will be promoting Pennsylvania Lamb-B-Q. Lamb is quite adaptable to outdoor cooking—as kabobs, on a rotisserie or just plain grilling. And it's a very good meat for cooking over an open fire because of its young tenderness and distinctive flavor. There are many cuts to choose from. For something different in a cook-out you might like to try cubes of lamb shoulder meat, marinated in your favorite sauce, then skewered with a combination of fruits and vegetables for an attractive tasty kabob.

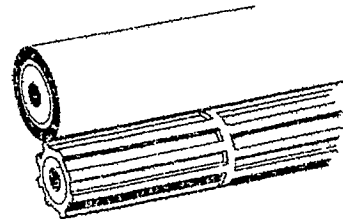
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