

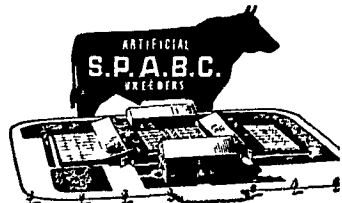
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and may be used with success. The spreading of 300 to 400 pounds per acre of a phosphorus-potash fertilizer (0-20-20 or 0-15-30) will result in greater later cuttings with normal rainfall. The use of

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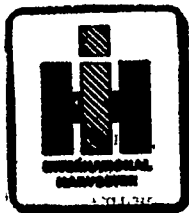
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Seeding In Sod Plan Devised By USDA Men

Permanent bluegrass pastures can be renovated inexpensively with an ARS-developed tillage unit that—in one operation—scalps a 4-inch-wide strip free of sod, fertilizes, and plants small-seeded legumes.

Agricultural engineer H. J. Reizer of ARS, and agronomist A. M. Decker of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, College Park, got an excellent stand of birdsfoot trefoil in a bluegrass pasture by sowing the seed in rows 24 inches apart. They did it with three conventional tillage tools—a straight disc colter, a concave disc, and a spear-point furrow opener—all mounted on a tractor tool bar.

The straight disc colter cuts a slit 1 to 2 inches deep in the sod. Then the concave disc, with the cutting edge 4 inches to the left of the colter, finishes cutting the 1½-inch-thick sod strip and throws it to the side. The furrow opener, centered behind the two discs, applies a band of fertilizer, covers it with 1 inch of loose soil and drops the seed on top of the soil. A press wheel is sometimes used to firm the seed into the soil.

In the study, conducted at the Maryland station, the researchers seeded one row at a time. In actual practice, additional units could be added to seed several rows simultaneously.

The two discs and spear-point opener offer an inexpensive way of improving legume-deficient bluegrass pastures. Decker and Reizer say this method eliminates the need of plowing under and reseeding an entire pasture. The improvements, usually done in the fall, can be made without the loss of valuable spring grazing. If managed carefully, the bluegrass can be grazed while the legumes are becoming established.



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