

The Best Time To Spread Lime Is . . .

When is the right time to get the lime spread that your farm or individual fields need? According to agronomic authorities, it makes no difference, as long as the interval is long enough to get the material worked into the soil. A good rule of thumb is to apply the limestone a year in advance of a legume seeding. This gives the agricultural limestone a year to get thoroughly worked into the soil for maximum benefit to the legume crop you intend to plant. It provides an interval for thoroughly mixing into the soil an application of agricultural limestone and deriving the maximum benefit from this application.

Too many farmers wait to order their agricultural limestone until the day they plan to seed a field to clover or legumes. As this is usually in the Spring, the fields are soggy or wet and the

trucks attempting to make deliveries get mired in the mud. The farmers cooperate with the distributor by hitching a tractor to the truck to speed up the process or eliminate the problem, but this isn't enough.

This procedure of liming just before seeding is basically wrong because the minerals supplied by limestone don't have a chance to react in the soil and to correct its mineral deficiencies. It is also wrong because limestone producers or distributors in pricing their products must take into account all of the breakdowns encountered in making deliveries. So why pay for truck-down-time when wear and tear on equipment and nerves are high, rather than paying for good service? The knowledgeable farmer will order his limestone for delivery in the off-season when demand is off and conditions help reduce costs.

The national Limestone Institute says you should plan now for your crop needs next year and get the limestone needed to improve your crop production next year. To get prompt and efficient delivery, put the limestone on this Fall before the difficult Winter and Spring seasons roll around.

There is no best time to apply agricultural limestone other than to get it on as far off-season and as far ahead of the rest of your neighboring farmers as possible.

Fall Clean-Up

A Fall clean-up program helps to control plant diseases in our home gardens. Many of the fungi, bacteria and other organisms that cause diseases in the garden during Spring, Summer and Fall overwinter on the dead leaves and other plant refuse. The destruction of dead leaves and other plant refuse can help reduce the infection of young plants in the Spring. Many gardeners maintain a compost pile in the corner of the garden. Dead leaves and other plant refuse from

Rules And Regulations For Frozen Desserts To Be Discussed

Proposed rules and regulations for frozen desserts and frozen dessert mixes will be discussed at a public hearing to be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 8 in the State Agriculture Building.

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said the state's dairy and ice cream industries have been invited to attend the hearing and express opinions.

Secretary Bull said new rules and regulations are necessary for frozen dessert products which are currently being sold in other states but which cannot be sold in Pennsylvania until guidelines are adopted.

The products include "Mellorine" and "Parevine," both of which resemble ice cream. In "Mellorine" dairy fats are replaced with vegetable oils while in "Parevine" all dairy ingredients are replaced.

The Pennsylvania frozen dessert law (Sept. 1, 1965, amended June 4, 1969) states that it is "in the interest of the dairy industry and the consuming public that there be uniformity of standards for frozen desserts . . . to the end that the inefficiency and needless expense and confusion caused by differences in products sold under the same name, and differences in labeling of identical products, may be eliminated."

The frozen dessert law requires that rules and regulations be written which will be based on testimony given at a public hearing. The law also provides that interested parties be given an opportunity to file exceptions to rules and regulations which the State Agriculture Department may adopt.

infested flowers and vegetables should not be added to a compost pile as this is just another way of maintaining disease — causing organisms for the next season.

Use Proper Lawn Seed

Lawns may fail for any number of reasons. Among these are poor selection of seed, says John C. Harper, II, extension lawn specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.

For sunny areas, he suggests Merion bluegrass alone or a mixture of Merion bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass. In moderate shade, use a mixture of Penn-lawn red fescue, Poa trivialis,

and Merion or Kentucky bluegrass. Under heavy shade use a mixture of Pennlawn red fescue and Poa trivialis.

Contact your county extension agent to recommend the proper seed mixture for your particular situation and location.

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Applying Lime

September is one of the best months for applying lime, particularly on land to be sowed to legumes in 1970. Lime must be applied well in advance of a new legume seeding and well mixed with the soil if it is to work properly. Lime should also be applied now if plans call for planting sod next Spring so the soil acidity will be corrected by the time the field is planted. Before liming, be sure to have your soil tested so the proper rate is applied per acre.

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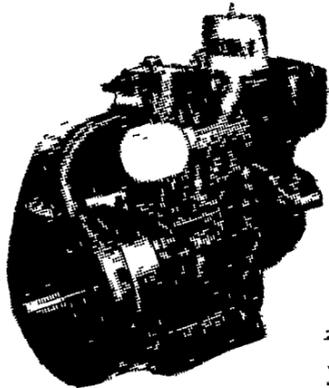
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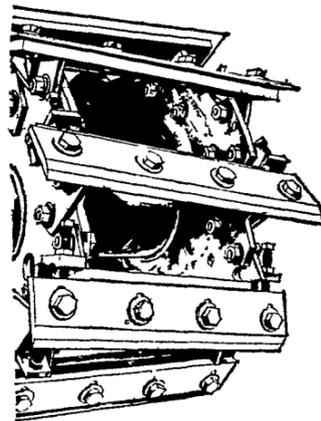
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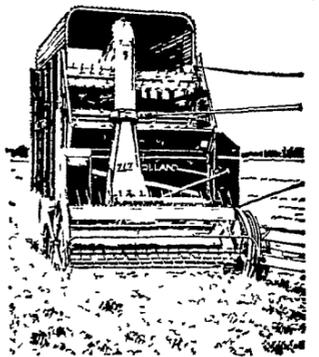
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