



**DAIRY ISSUE
SPECIAL
REPORT**

**Don't Let Pastures
Go To Head
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During the spring months, pasture growth is very rapid and difficult to manage.

Typically, production is at least twice as much in the spring than summer production. Consequently, stocking rates must be twice as high in the spring months to prevent pastures from becoming too mature.

Your goal with cool season grass legume pastures should be to have the crop grazed when it is six to eight inches high in an intensive system. Once the grass starts to get taller than eight inches, quality starts to decline. If the pasture grasses go to head, the pasture should be clipped to maintain quality and active growth.

If you are understocked in the spring, instead of trying to graze everything, make hay or haylage off part of your grazing land. Tall grasses are the easiest to harvest for hay or haylage. In particular, if you have predominately timothy or smooth brome grass pastures/hayfields, they should be considered for haying. Timothy and smooth brome grass should not be grazed during stem elongation. The growing point is exposed at this time and stand life will be reduced.

**Ideas To Help Reduce Mud
And Erosion On Lanes**

Wet soil in the springtime can cause problems on farms using lane systems.

In particular, dairy farms with cows moving to and from the barn twice a day can have a real mud problem. Mud not only slows down milking due to extra cow prep time, but also increases environmental mastitis and erosion on lanes.

Some techniques that can reduce mud and erosion on lanes are:

- Avoid low ground.
- Avoid running lanes down slope. Try to follow the contour if possible. If you must go down a long slope, put in small diversions to channel water off the lane.
- Have more than one major lane/exit from barn.
- Mound your lanes. In southeastern Pennsylvania, with all the development pressure, clean fill can be found very easily. You may also be able to plow a mound in for a lane way. Avoid fill with rocks due to possible foot injuries. If you are mounding lanes, some culverts may be needed.
- Wood chips can be put on heavy traveled lanes. Many landscapers and tree trimming/removal companies have lots of wood chips. If you negotiate right, you might even be able to get paid a tipping fee.
- Crushed stone can also be put on lanes. Avoid sizes that will cause foot problems. A course material covered with a fine material will probably work well.
- Close to the barn, if the problem is severe and herd size is large enough to justify cost, consider a paved or a grooved concrete main lane.

**Consider Low Alkaloid
Varieties Of Reed
Canarygrass**

In Montgomery County, many soils are wet in the spring and fall months and drought in the summer months. Reed canarygrass mixed with both red and ladino clovers should be considered by the grazer on these soil types.

Reed canarygrass, once established, is high yielding and highly tolerant to wet and doughy soils. In addition, its persistence is very high.

Reed canarygrass does, however, have low seeding vigor and does not establish well with competition. Palation and Ventor are two high-yielding, low-alkaloid varieties that should perform well. Varieties with high alkaloids have reduced palatability as its growth matures.

For more information, "Agronomy Facts 26, Reed Canarygrass," is available from the extension office.

**Frost Seeding Of Clovers
Look Good So Far**

I have looked at several frost seedings of clovers spun on in late February and early March. All of the seedings appear to be coming along very nicely.

One caution, however, to assure continued survival of the seedlings is to make sure the grasses do not shade the clovers excessively.

In other words, don't let the grasses in an intensive system get much taller than six inches and allow the animals to graze the grass a little shorter (maybe to 1.5 inches).



**MAIL BOX MARKET
FOR SALE**

40" Howard rototiller 3 point hitch p.t.o. for small tractor up to 30 h.p., good condition, \$550. Burlington County, 609-654-4337.

Oliver 2 bottom rollover plow, \$950.00. 7 row John Blue No-till tool Bar nitrogen injector, \$1400 o.b.o. Lanc. Co. 717-653-4598.

1969 Mercury Montego, like new, 307 engine, two door, 54K miles, phone 717-677-4835, Adams County.

John Deere Loose hay loader that is towed behind wagon \$250, Frederick Co., Md. 301-447-2635.

Case 4550 Loader Cab, 4 way basket 200 hr 1992 price to sell 410-658-3457, Cecil, Md.

Pure maple syrup \$30.00 gal, \$16.00 1/2 gal, \$9.50 qt. Postage paid Hoffman Farm, RR 2, Box 310, Wellsville, NY 14895.

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New 5-room log house, located in excellent hunting-fishing area of Franklin Co near Pa. Turnpike, priced at Building Cost (717) 532-4882.

1986 Pontiac Parisienne, 8 passenger wagon, Loaded; air pwr-wnd stereo cassette wood grain, roof rack, very nice condition. Berks 944-0946.

John Deere 14T Hay Baler, 1963 Ford Galaxie Convertible, Adams County. 717-642-5230.

Fresh Gurnsey family cow young nice milker for hand milking, Lanc. Co. Phone 215-445-4825.

Antique Store make Verona \$850.00 or best offer, call anytime (717) 354-8507, Lanc. Co.

Danuser post hole digger, 3 point \$630.00, York Co. (717) 428-1258.

Harley Davidson motor cycle "77" Sporter 1,000 cc, good condition, \$3,000 or best offer, Hopewell County, call 717-244-9381.

MF-1045 Compact Diesel tractor 35 HP, 2 wd w/ loader, 166 H. 12-4-28 tires, power steering, York Co. 717-252-2251.

Wood stove, "Buck Stove" you remove from fireplace and haul. \$100.00 o.b.o. Franklin Co. 717-597-8656

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3 30", 1/2 Hp. Dayton barn fans, 1 yr. old good cond. used elect. stove works good. Lanc. Co. 717-684-5476.

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Wheat straw 2.00 per bale, ear corn. Phone (215) 367-9051, Montgomery County.

Wide front end to fit "H" or "M" Farmall. Also set of fenders. Phone: (717) 362-8237, Dauphin Co.

Massey Ferguson model MF-620 Snow blower attachment for large garden tractor. Excellent condition, new belts. Columbia Co., Pa (717) 672-2638.

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8 Hp Sears Riding Mower, \$250.00; Rubber hose, good for irrigation; oak and walnut moldings, chairrail case and base, Schuylkill (717) 386-2872.

J. Deere #30 Combine P.T.O. \$300.00, Lehigh Co. 215-756-6541.

AKC Cocker Spaniel Female, black, spade, all shots. 1 yr. old. \$150.00. Call late evenings, 814-749-9828.

Hay rack for top of truck cab was on IH truck \$95.00, Lititz 717-626-0435, Lanc. Co.

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