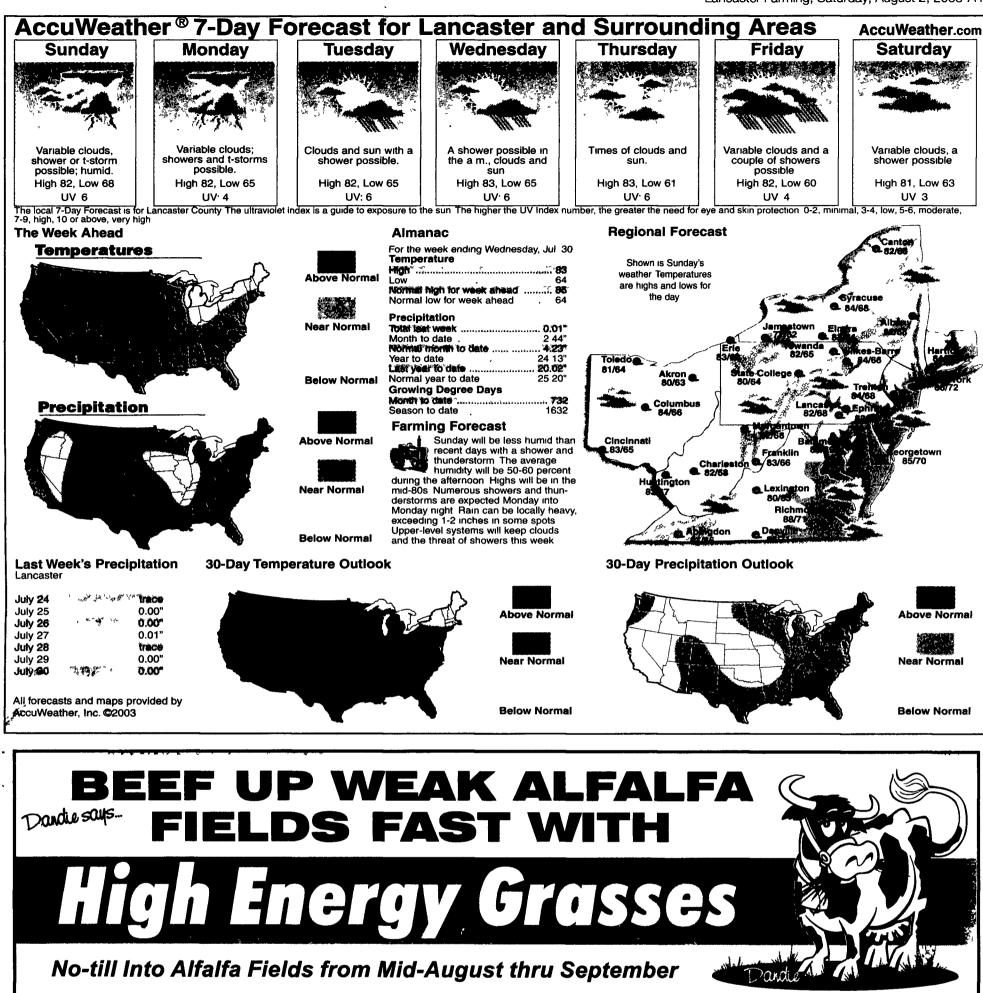
Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 2, 2003-A47



The combination of last year's harsh winter followed by a sunless rainy spring has left many alfalfa fields in poor condition. It's probably not wise to take out all the weak fields in one season. Many fields will need to be rotated out of alfalfa, or thickened with fast starting grasses this August or early September.

ZORRO ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Zorro can be used to increase production this fall and up to two cuts next spring. Nel's are typically in the 70's. We like to double crop Zorro with our BMR Sorghum Sudangrasses. In the spring of 2002, Zorro yielded 6773 lbs. of dry matter at W. Maryland Research & Ed. Ctr. near Hagerstown, MD. [Note: Last year's extreme winter caused some injury to Zorro and other ryegrasses. In most cases, Zorro recovered well and yielded two big cuttings of high energy balage].

PERUN FESTULOLIUM

Perun is a very impressive 3-year crop perfect for extending the stand life of newly established stands that have thinned a little, but are worth keeping around for 1-3 years longer. Those who have tried Perun have been impressed with its yield and quality. It is very similar to Italian rye-grass in quality, but tolerates weather extremes better. This spring we had no reports of winter injury. In the 2001 Cornel Univ. ryegrass trial planting Perun yielded 6.85 tons dry matter in 2002.

These featured grasses are best for balage, haylage, and grazing.



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Greenfast is our high yielding, short term mix that has over 30 percent Perun festulolium. It also contains Athos orchardgrass, Tivoli perennial ryegrass, Laura meadow fescue, and premium clovers. This mix is ideal for short term (3 years or so) wet hay and grazing fields, and it is excellent for converting alfalfa fields to grazing.

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To Add a Legume, Plant Our High Producing Cyclone Red Clover