

Of Interest to Farmers

THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Price of Wheat Grown in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, For Use As Seed Therein

In view of the late seeding season and in order to assist farmers in drought-stricken areas of the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to purchase their seed wheat requirements, it is hereby ordered by the Canadian Wheat Board that:

1. Pursuant to Section 6 thereof, Regulation No. 100 of the Board, issued April 13th, 1920, is hereby cancelled.

2. Until midnight, May 8th, 1920, the price of wheat grown in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, sold locally from country elevators in the said Provinces, for use as seed therein, shall be \$2.45 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, in store, Public Terminal Elevators, Fort William and or Port Arthur and licensees of the Board, selling such wheat shall pay to the Board the sum of 30 cents for each bushel of wheat as sold.

3. After midnight, May 8th, 1920, the price of wheat grown in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, sold locally from country elevators in the said Provinces, for use as seed or feed therein, shall be \$2.80 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, in store, Public Terminal Elevators, Fort William and or Port Arthur, and licensees of the Board selling such wheat shall pay to the Board the sum of 65 cents per bushel for each bushel of wheat as sold.

4. Licensees of the Board selling wheat grown in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, locally from country elevators in the said Provinces, for use as seed or feed therein, shall in making returns to the Board, pursuant to the regulations of the Board, report all sales of wheat as sold and shall with each report remit to the Board, the proper amount required in this regulation.

5. Changes in accordance with Regulation No. 10 of the Board, or such other regulations as may be substituted therefore, will be paid to licensees of the Board, on the street wheat sold for seed or feed in accordance with this regulation until the date on which the wheat is so sold.

6. This regulation is effective from midnight, April 30th, 1920, until further notice.

(Sgd.) J. STEWART, Chairman. (Sgd.) H. TOOLEY, Secretary.

ABOUT CROPS AND LIVE STOCK

In most sections the work on the land is in full swing and many farmers have got their small grains already sown. During the spring, after the cattle have been turned out to pasture, is a good time to clean out the stables. This work should not be left until the fall but be done now.

Dirty breeds disease and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Once disease gets into a herd it is very hard to get rid of it, and if it were made a rule to give the barns and stables an annual spring cleaning much loss from contagious diseases could be eliminated.

There are always periods in the spring when it is not possible to work on the land, and the most should be made of these opportunities to paint, whitewash, and disinfect the stables. The walls and floors should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with some good disinfectant. If there are improvements to be made, such as tipping out wooden floors and wood on partitions and putting in cement floors and steel stanchions, this may well be done at this time. The work need not be completed all at one time, but done off and on during the slack days, when it is too wet to work in the field.

There is a great difference in the way farmers work the land. Some farmers apparently think that all that is necessary is to plow, disc and drill in the seed. A point worth remembering is that although the disc drill does, to some extent, function as an implement of cultivation, it should be made a rule to work up a fine mellow seed-bed before the seed is drilled in. Don't rely on the disc drill to finish the job. Its function is to sow the seed, not prepare the seed bed.

Spring plowing should be shallow, from four to five inches being sufficiently deep.

After plowing the disc harrow should be used, running the same way as the furrows, and then cross ways. After this the spike toothed harrow may be used, and then the land may be rolled.

Used with judgment the roller is a very useful implement in preparing a fine seed bed. It must not, of course, be used when the land is too wet, or it will form a crust on the soil. Some farmers use the roller after the seed is planted. For light soil this practice may be all right but in most cases it is better to roll before and not after seeding.

Corn land should be well supplied with available plant food. For this reason it is best wherever possible to use sod ground. For most soils it is best to plow in the spring, although on heavy clays fall plowing is preferable. In any case from 10 to 12 tons per acre of barnyard manure should be applied. A warm soil is essential for the rapid germination and growth of corn, and the manure helps materially in this connection.

Corn should be planted from May 15 to June 1. Plant as early as possible. Early planting means a higher yield of silage and lessens the danger from frost in the fall. Extremely early planting, however, is not recommended for obvious reasons. Whether the corn should be planted in hills or rows will depend chiefly on the condition of the land as regards weeds. A hoed crop is one of the best ways of ridding the land of weeds, and if the land is dirty it is the best to plant in hills, as this permits of more thorough cultivation. The advantage of planting in drills is that the ordinary grain drill may be used for planting the seed if the extra spots are closed.

When planting in the hill plant three feet each way. If drill planting is practised the rows should be 42 inches apart. A well known farm paper, some years ago, advocated planting corn as close as possible, the idea being that even if the corn did not ear out as well as it would if the rows were further apart the total yield of crop would be greater. This idea has been pretty well exploded, as all properly conducted experiments

show that the greatest yield of food nutrients are obtained when the corn is planted as suggested above.

When planting corn in hills from 20 to 30 lbs. of seed will be required per acre. From three to five seeds should be dropped in each hill. For planting in rows from 25 to 40 lbs. per acre of seed is required. Less seed than this would do, but all the seed will not germinate and produce strong plants, and it is better to plant a little more seed and get a full crop, hoeing out or harrowing out the weak plants afterwards than have misses. The plants should be from six to eight inches apart in the rows. After the corn is planted it should be harrowed at intervals of three days until it appears above ground. After that it may be harrowed with the light smoothing harrow across the rows.

It is seldom possible to sow mangels too early in the spring. This should be the next job after the small grains are in. Sowing on the flat gives the biggest yield per acre, but when this is done the young plants are harder to thin and cultivate. If sown in drills, the rows should be from 24 to 30 inches apart. If the flat method is used the rows should be about three feet apart. From 8 to 10 lbs. per acre should be used, but to ensure a good crop it pays to sow a little extra seed and thin out afterwards. Transplanting does not pay. Then when the plants are quite small, thin to one plant every seven or eight inches. Thoroughness at this time will save labor later in the season. Swede turnips should not be sown until about the first week in June. Here, again, it pays to use a little more seed than is commonly sown. Use from three to four lbs. per acre.

With potatoes as with corn and most other crops, the earlier they are planted the higher the yield. If potatoes are planted in a cold soil the sets will rot so that, as a rule, in most sections of the province, potatoes should not be planted much before May 24. For potatoes, as for other hoed crops, the land should be in a good state of fertility. A clover sod is ideal for potatoes. Sometimes the manure may be spread in the fall, but in any case from ten to twelve tons per acre should be used. If about forty lbs. per ton of acid phosphate is added to the manure, the yield should be materially increased.

Potatoes respond to liberal fertilizing and in many cases it will be found profitable to top dress with 100 lbs. of nitrate of soda per acre as soon as the plants appear above ground. Most crops require a firm compact seed bed. This is not so with potatoes. In loose soil the tubers will be smooth and shapely but in a firm soil the tubers are usually mis-shaped. This is partly why a clover sod to which manure has been applied is so desirable. For spring use, manure should be well rotted.

OFFICIAL HOLSTEIN RECORDS

During the first half of April the official tests of eight-five cows and heifers were accepted for entry in the Record of Merit. A class of thirty mature cows is headed by Rosa Lee Plus DeKol with 31.88 pounds butter in 7 days, followed by Annie Shandland Parfitt with 31.07 pounds and Burks Bos DeKol with 30.02 pounds. Totilla Pontiac Tot has 27.05 pounds, Lady Pauline Colantha 26.84 pounds and Lady Dorliska Colantha 26.25 pounds, and Medfield Katherine Pieterje 26.20 pounds. Duplicate Pontiac DeKol leads the senior four year old class with 28.39 pounds, while Catherine Pontiac Netherland has 25.71 pounds in 7 days and 101.19 pounds in 30 days. Cloverdale Topsy Posch comes third with 24.35 pounds. Madame Pauline Sylvia is best junior four year old with 26.52 pounds in 7 days and 126.33 pounds in 30 days. Her dam, Madame Pauline Canary has 31.62 pounds in 7 days and her grand dam Madame Posch Pauline, 34.23 pounds, making three generations of 29 pound cows. Lady Wilmot is second with 23.14 pounds. Segis Alcatra Keyes comes first among the senior three year olds with 29.60 pounds, followed by Johanna Nig with 27.92 pounds, and Inkt Walker Alcatra with 21.99 pounds. Trenton Keyes Horner has completed 30 days with 125.38 pounds and 60 days with 224.80 pounds. The highest junior three-year-old is Pioneer Albino Mechthilde with 25.50 pounds while Lovella Fayne Clothilde has 23.27 pounds and Princess Favorit Segis 23.00 pounds. Pontiac Pietje Duplaine leads the senior two year class with 26.91 pounds. Lady Verelle comes second with 23.73 pounds, and Lady Roberts Colantha third with 22.41 pounds. Probably the most remarkable record of this report is that of Walnut Crest Rag Apple Buttercup who stands 2nd in Canada with 26.89 pounds. After her comes Beauty Abbecker Ormsby with 20.45 pounds and Nellie Wayne Pontiac with 20.09 pounds.

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