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Maryland grows considerable quantities of red clover seed which when cleaned usually meets the requirements as to quality. A large percentage of it, however, falls into a low class as to purity.

Other factors being equal, home-grown seed is preferable to seed purchased elsewhere. Clover seed from most sources will produce crops which will stand the Maryland extremes of temperature but in some cases the crops are susceptible to diseases. Home-grown seed, on the other hand, especially if grown on farms where there has been no change of seed for five or six years, will produce crops highly resistant to these diseases.

Setting plants Early Aids Tomato Yields

Efforts of the growers, canners and representatives of the University of Maryland Extension Service to put the canning tomato crop on a higher paying basis to the grower by improving the yield per acre will this season center largely around the production of early, high quality plants.

Getting plants into the field as early as weather conditions will permit is an important factor in the yield, say specialists of the University of Maryland. The early set plants are able to make considerable development before foliage diseases check their growth and in addition have a chance to set a large percentage of the fruit before high temperatures of mid-summer seriously interfere. Numerous experiments followed by repeated field trials under practical conditions in the State have shown this to be true.

Two principal methods of producing early plants of good quality will be recommended to growers the coming season. One will be the use of the cloth covered cold frames and the other the planting of seed in the open under conditions that will favor quick and sturdy plant growth.

The coldframe recommended is a simple structure, made by staking boards on edge on the ground. The covering is of unbleached muslin. Seed can be sown in the coldframe between March 25 and April 1 in the warmer sections of the Eastern Shore and from 1 to 10 in the northern counties. The soil is well fertilized and thoroughly pulverized before the seed is sown. After the seed is sown the bed is covered with the muslin and on top is placed a layer of straw or pine chats which remains until the plants come through the ground. The muslin covering is then used as a protection for the young plants at night and on cold days, being rolled back on clear, warm days to give the plants light and air.

A quarter of a pound of mos tmeats and a quarter of a pound of most vegetables are usually enough to allow for an average serving.

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SWEET CLOVER FINE CROP FOR PASTURE

The value of sweet clover as a pasture crop is not so well appreciated in Maryland as it deserves to be, in the opinion of F. W. Oldenburg, agronomist for the University of Maryland Extension Service. It is literally a crop that will make it possible for the owner of livestock to pasture more animals on fewer acres.

Sweet clover is not fastidious. This is one of its important advantages and the crop may be expected to do well on almost any soil even if the fertility is not high and the soil is inclined to be wet in spring. The crop does need lime, however, and will not thrive on sour soil.

Like red clover, the crop can be sown in early spring in the standing wheat or with spring oats. The common white blossomed sweet clover should be used and the seed should be planted at the rate of fifteen or twenty pounds per acre. If planting is done in the spring, the seed should be scarified and inoculation should not be overlooked if the crop is sown in a field for the first time.

If a good stand is obtained no other forage crop will pasture more cattle per acre or be of more help in building up the fertility of the soil than sweet clover. While sweet clover can be grown for hay, a number of diffi culties arise in handling it advantageously. One cutting can be made in the fall from a crop sown this spring. The following spring, however, growth will start early and the crop must be cut about the time the first blossoms appear. If the cutting is delayed, which is likely on account of the poor curing weather at this season of the year, the crop becomes too big and woody for good hay. Another difficulties arise in handling it adthe stand is thick, results from the sluffing off of the lower branches. To get a second growth under these conditions, the cutting must be done above the lowest live branch and under most circumstances this is impossible. On the whole it is doubtful if it is advisable to grow sweet clover for hay. Certainly as a mixture with timothy the crop is not a desirable one for the best cutting time of the two plants is far apart.

Four Factors Guide In Buying Clover Seed

Quality, purity, adaptability and cost are the four factors that should guide the farmer in making his purchases of clover seed, it is said by crop specialists of the University of Maryland.

Failure with the clover crop can in many cases be traced directly to the seed. However, clover seed that is of good quality and suitable for planting under Maryland conditions is frequently not properly cleaned.

Clover seed from any source should be cleaned before planting. The cleaning removes immature seed, fragments of stems and many weed seeds.

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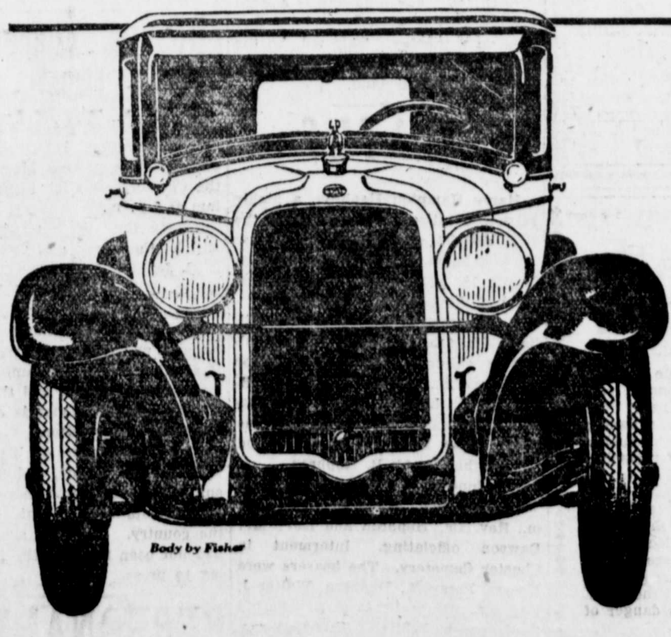
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