

County Agent's NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent, Colorado County)

Fertilize Summer Grasses

How to fertilize summer grasses, such as coastal bermudagrass, for best production may be a difficult decision this year. If you have left from last year, you must determine additional needs and fertilize accordingly.

If estimated hay requirements are less than normal and do not require production from all available acres, you may only want to fertilize for one or two cuttings and then graze the remainder of the acreage.

Fertilization for hay and grazing.

For example, graze some acres first; then fertilize for hay while other acres are fertilized for hay followed by grazing. This provides an opportunity to produce good quality hay while using the residual fertilizer to produce good quality grass for grazing.

When fertilizing to meet grazing requirements, consider fertilizing part of the pasture acreage in the spring, another part in the summer and another part in the fall. The idea that all fields must be fertilized in the spring cannot be supported.

Certify Crop Acreage By June 15th

The County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office in Columbus reminds producers to certify (report) their planted acreages by June 15th. Dan C. Streckfus, county executive director, says some of the program provisions are as follows:

Disaster protection extended in 1980, farms planted under NCA - eligible at low rate; farms planted with established NCA - eligible at high rate; no off-setting compliance; each farm is on its own; no set-aside required; deficiency payments possible for rice, corn, grain sorghum or wheat; and all NCA crops grown on the farm are eligible for commodity loans at 13 percent interest.

To be eligible for all of the above you must timely report by June 15th and certify all the crops planted on the farm at the county office, said Streckfus.

Disaster Reminders. He also reminded that should farm crops experience a natural disaster such as freeze, frost, drought, flooding, hail or other, the following facts should be kept in mind to insure proper coverage: 1. Report or certify your crop acreages timely; 2. Report the condition "disaster" within 15 days; 3. Before any use is made of the affected area or field be sure you have reported the facts to the county ASC office and the farm has been checked by an employee of the county committee.

Visiting During Summer. Dewane Killeit of Gonzales is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Mueller and Stacie Marie of Rock Island. Dewane is the brother of Stacy Mueller.

With tours beginning at 2 p.m. followed by a program at 5:30 p.m., announces Dave Tiller, Wharton County Extension agent.

Wharton County is hosting this year's field day and tour which also includes Fort Bend and Matagorda counties. Wayne Waters, chairman of the Wharton County Home Crops Committee, is serving as chairman of the annual field day and tour.

Highlighting the 5:30 p.m. program will be a talk by State Representative Dan Kullak of Rockdale, a leading advocate of gasoline production.

According to Tiller, buses will leave from El Campo High School at regular intervals between 2 and 3 p.m. to take visitors to the Danzavang area to see and hear about a variety of crop demonstrations.

Hay Production Management Is Important

(By Soil Conservation Service, Columbus)

The hay crop is a very important part of most livestock operations. It is used to provide food when other forage isn't available, usually in winter. Hay must be of adequate quality in order to meet livestock protein needs. Fertility controls both the quality and quantity of the hay crop. Fertility needs can be determined from a soil analysis. Grade protein content of hay can be checked by means of a protein analysis.

A rule of thumb method of figuring fertilizer needs is as follows: Grass uses nitrogen, phosphorus and potash in a 4:1:3 ratio respectively. A ton of 12% crude protein dry hay uses 40 pounds of nitrogen, 10 pounds of phosphorus and 30 pounds of potash.

Hay quality usually refers to the crude protein content of the hay and its digestibility. Hay with a high crude protein content will be higher in digestibility, have less fiber, less stem, and more leaf than a low crude protein hay.

Digestion speed is also related to hay quality. Low protein, low digestible hay passes through the digestive tract of an animal slowly. The digestive system requires more time to break the forage down. Hay that is very low in protein (4.9%) passes through so slowly that the animal cannot eat enough to maintain itself.

Cutting Affects Quality. Quality of hay is also affected by the cutting schedule. For example, coastal bermudagrass hay should be cut in the early boot stage or when 14" to 16" in height and cut each 28-32 days for quality hay.

Young, immature grass produces high protein, high digestible hay, while old mature plants produce low protein, low digestible hay. Overall hay quality is also higher in early summer, decreases in July and August and rises again in the fall months. Fertilizer rates and timing, liming if needed, time of harvest, weed control, and management of hayland for wildlife enhancement are some of the management and production considerations used to achieve optimum production of hayland. For further information concerning hayland planting and management, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

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Rotary Tours Europe By Slide Film

Eagle Lake Rotarians and guests took a very enjoyable slide film trip to places of interest in Europe at the meeting of the club on Wednesday of last week.

Dan Thornton was program chairman and he showed excellent slide film that provided interesting narration for visits to England and other places of interest in Europe.

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Schilling Named Livestock Show and Rodeo Director

James Allen Schilling of Garwood was named to the board of directors of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the annual meeting held at the largest domain of agricultural scholarships in the U.S., according to a report in the Houston Post, the show in 1980 for the first time passed the \$2,000,000 mark in scholarship contributions. This fall, 389 students will be using those scholarships at Texas colleges and universities.

Of the 389 students, 330 have received four years, \$2,000 awards and each year the show awards 100 such scholarships, 50 to 4-H members and 50 to FFA members.

In other business conducted at the general meeting last week, the board of directors announced February 25 as

Medicare's "Reasonable Charges" Are Explained

Many people in the Eagle Lake area who have Medicare protection are not sure just what is meant by "reasonable charges," Bruce Grady, social security branch manager in Brenham said recently.

Under the law, payment of benefits under the medical insurance part of Medicare is based on reasonable charges for covered services or supplies.

People probably would have less trouble understanding this term if they thought of it as the "allowed" or "permitted" charge. But that, Grady said, is not the complete story either.

The reasonable charge for a medical service is determined by the Medicare carrier for each year. First, the carrier determines the customary charge by each doctor and supplier for each separate service or supply. This is generally the charge most often made.

Then, the carrier figures the prevailing charge for each covered service or supply. This charge is a figure high enough to cover the customary charge on three-fourths of the bills submitted the previous year for each service.

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Sr. Little League Lakers Remain Unbeaten At 5-0

The Eagle Lake Lakers will have the next week off since Schlenburg has dropped out of the league.

Beat Columbus II. Last Thursday night the Lakers picked up an 11 to 7 victory over Columbus II in Columbus with Stanley Powell getting credit for the win on the mound and also collecting four hits at the plate.

Other standouts included Michael Davis and James Powell with two hits each, and Alex Ramirez with one hit. Columbus had five hits in the game.

On Monday evening at Rice High School the Lakers picked up their fifth win of the season with a clutch 3 to 2 win over Columbus I. A brilliantly pitched one-hit game by Alex Ramirez and key offensive and defensive plays by Dewane Page made the difference in the game as the Lakers held on to win despite a late thrust by the Cards.

The Lakers took advantage of a pair of misuses by the Cards early in the game to get two runs but Columbus came back to knot the score 2 to 2.

In the fourth inning, Page blasted a triple into left center field and then scored the decisive run on a sacrifice fly by Steve Powell.

The lead appeared to be enough with superb pitching by Ramirez, but walks and errors loaded the bases in the top of the seventh with only one out. Again, it was Page, the catcher, coming up with the big play as he picked up a little dribbler hit by a Cardinal batter in front of the plate and stepped on home to force one man out, then threw to first for the third and final out of the game.

The Lakers ended the game with seven hits, two by Page and Donald Spears, and one each by Davis, Ramirez and Corman.

Kyle Mackey To Play Both Football, Basketball At ETSU

Kyle Mackey, former student at Rice CISD, has signed a letter of intent to play both football and basketball at East Texas State University in Commerce.

After leaving Rice his freshman year, he quarterbacked the Alpine Fighting Buck Varsity, earning All-District and All-West Texas honors both years. In '79, he was named Most Valuable Back by his coaches. Playing guard and forward in basketball for two years, he led the Buck team in scoring, rebounds, assists, and blocked shots. He was District Leading Scorer '78-'79 and '79-'80 and Third Team All-State in '78-'79 and '79-'80. His two-year scoring average was 25.5. His latest honor was being named to the Texas High School Coaches All-Star Team. The game will be played July 25 at Hobeign Pavilion in Houston.

In track, Kyle placed consistently in high jump, 330 intermediate hurdles, and 110 highs. He advanced to Regional in both hurdle races

Hunt License Sales Increase

Sales of resident hunting and fishing licenses are ahead of last year's pace, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said.

During the first six months of the 1979-80 fiscal year, which began Sept. 1, 1979, the department posted gains in hunting, fishing and combination hunting/fishing licenses over the first six months of 1978-79.

Department officials were encouraged by the rise in resident hunting license sales, which had declined somewhat in 1978-79. The 119,577 hunting licenses sold represented a gain of 1,648 over the same period in 1978-79.

Resident combination hunting/fishing licenses for the six-month period gained by 1,802, which amounts to a revenue increase of \$355,894 over the first six months of 1978-79.

Resident fishing license sales, which set a new revenue record in 1978-79, continued to increase, with 44,152 bringing in \$1,600,289 revenue. This represents an increase of more than 11,000 licenses and \$46,000 revenue over the first half of 1978-79.

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