

I might mention here that the principal feeding-off of silver-beet is not obtained in the first but in the following season. Therefore the main object of the grower should be to nurse and conserve the crop, in order that the most valuable forage to be secured in a subsequent season may be as abundant as possible. Say the first feeding has taken place in March, then the second feeding should be obtained in June. The plant will continue to grow throughout the winter, and



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in the spring provides its best and most abundant forage. It is at this time of the year that silver-beet shows up to the greatest advantage. But even with the remarkable spring feed it affords, silver-beet if properly managed will again provide good feed about the following March, and again in midwinter—a fact proved by the experience at Belfast, where the 1911-sown crop provided excellent feed in March of this year, and is ready this month again for another feeding.