

and the effect of a good dressing such as this will last well beyond the year. The effect obtained by the use of this liquid manure collected from the milking shed and yards is immediate and lasting. The growth and density of the pasture is improved, it definitely increases production, and the stock have no objection to grazing freely within a day or so of an application. The paddocks are usually dealt with in strips and seldom as a whole, however, this fact is of little real importance.

Summary

To sum up, practical experience has shown that the manure from the milking shed and yards has a real and satisfactory value for pasture topdressing or for enriching areas of land intended for such crops as mangolds, carrots, and sugar beet.

The manure is best used in the form of liquid manure. It can be collected in concrete sumps to hold the cleanings for several days, or it can be run direct to the distributor. The distributor consists of a tank on wheels with a large tap to give a heavy and narrow spread to get the necessary concentration.

Finally, if all the manure deposited in and around the milking sheds of New Zealand were distributed as described back on to the grassland from which it comes, about half a million acres of dairying land could be kept satisfactorily topdressed with the addition every few years of some extra phosphatic manure, such as superphosphate or basic slag.

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Answer to Correspondent

Reinforcement for Concrete Fencing Posts

B.W. (CAMBRIDGE):—

Would you please tell me through the "Journal" what is the cheapest form of reinforcement for concrete fencing posts?

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